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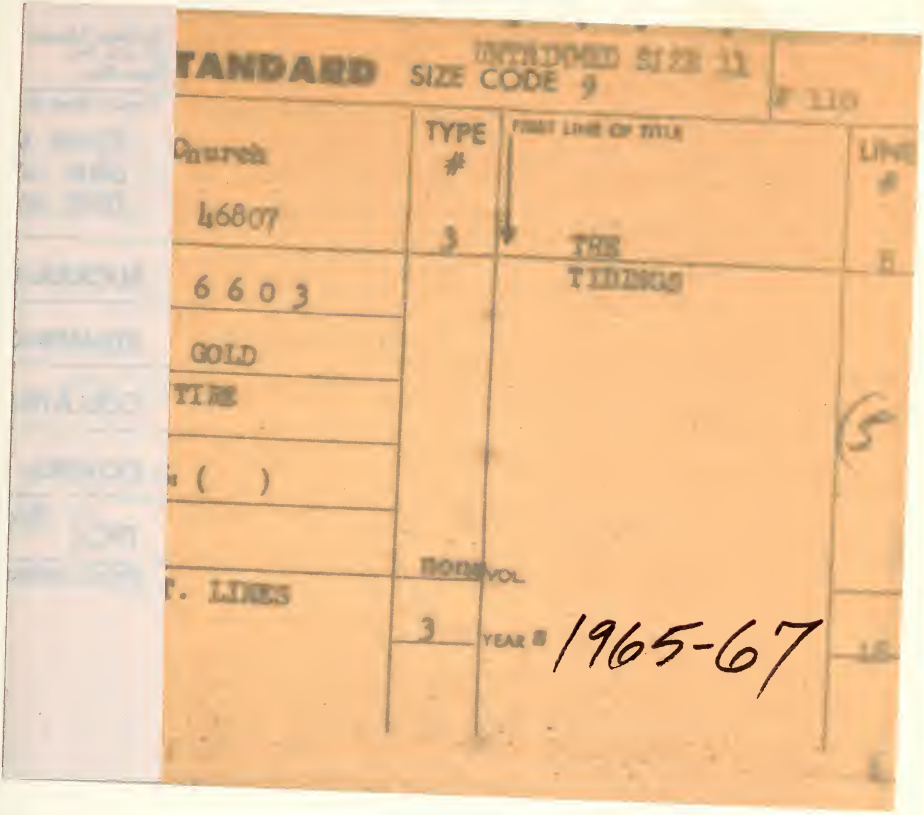
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Volume 23 Fort Wayne, Indiana. January 7, 1965 15


## "IN THE BEGINNING GOD ...."

The BEGINNING of a new year provides a vista for the past as well as the future, the past with its failures and victories, the future with its challenge of a new beginning. In the mind of God there was once a time when the vista of the past contained God alone. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). In that beginning of time "God created" (Genesis 1:1), and the vista of a universe in motion began. There have been many beginnings since - the beginning of life, the beginning of man, the beginning of resurrection life, the beginning of grace and truth - but behind each new beginning is God.

In the beginning of a new year, the fingerprints of God can be seen. What will the new year hold? So much is new and unpredictable, but much will not change. The God of the beginning is the God of the continuum. For the child of God through faith in Jesus Christ there is the continued assurance of God's love. God's grace, and God's providing hand. Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). The God who made a new beginning with the creation of the heaven and the earth made another significant beginning in creating a new creature in Christ Jesus.

The beginnings of the past, however, are overshadowed by the solemn pronouncement of God uttered prophetically in the great cathedral of the new heaven and the new earth, "Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). John is instructed by the one sitting on the throne, "Write: for these words are true and faithful."

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The new beginning, the new year, is not the end. It is but a link in a chain which extends from eternity past to eternity future, a chain which began with the new beginning, the new heaven and the new earth. The little segment of time that we call "now" only has ultimate meaning as it is connected with the eternal, as it is rooted in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. It contemplates in faith and hope the beginning of a time when there will be no more beginnings, when all that is presently seen will be dissolved (II Peter 3:11). and will be replaced with a new universe "wherein dwelleth righteousness" (II Peter 3:13).

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STORK NEWS

Little Miss Laura Jean Sauerwein, born December 11. 1964, has come to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sauerwein. Congratulations to parents and Babe.

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IN SYMPATHY

We sincerely express our sympathy to Mrs. George R. Davis whose father passed away last Wednesday.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Alfred Schell fell last week and broke her shoulder.

Orie McDougle underwent surgery at Parkview Hospital on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Albert Egly has been ill at her home since Christmas.

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Word comes that Mrs. Norman Long is now convalescing at her home, 607 Koehlinger Dr. New Haven.

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PARKING LOT!!!

Unpledged, unpaid balance to date -

$1,059.29

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving January 10, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

David Griggs

Robert Rayl

10:30 A.M. Service -

J. E. Weicker

Alfred Schell

DEACONS:

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Ted Bryan

D. Wayne Penny

Edwin R. Hall

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Howard Howell

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Charles Speicher

Edward M. Smith

DEACONESS - January 10, 17

Mrs. Wm. Ganter

HOSPITALITY: For January

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The COFFEE HOUR: January

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NOTES: Mrs. E.N. Schlatter wishes to take this means to thank those who sent cards and for the many kindnesses shown her at the time of her recent sorrow.

## SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING
## SCHEDULE FOR STUDY

January 3 - Lesson 10 - O.T.Period
" 10 - " 11 - O.T.Period
" 17 - " 12 - (Part III)
" 24 - " 13 - O.T. Institutions (Altar & Tabernacle)
" 31 - Lesson 14 - O.T. Institutions (II Temple & Synagogue)

February 7 - Lesson 15 - O.T.Institutions (The Jewish Feasts)
" 14 - Lesson 17 - Christ in Prophecy
" 21 - " 18 - Life of Christ
" 21 - (Week of Compassion)
" 28 - Lesson 19 - Life of Christ

March 7 - Lesson 20 - Life of Christ
" 14 - " 21 - Apostles and Great Commission.
" 21 - " 22 - Beginnings of The Church
" 28 - " 23 - New Life in Christ.

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(Monthly Group Meetings)

The ESTHER Group will meet with Mrs Irene Kissinger, 1007 Northwood, at 6:30 P.M. Wednesday, January 13.

The Fellowship GUILD will meet with Miss Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma Ave. Monday, January 11, at 8 PM. Program by Miss Pearl Heidecker; Worship by Mrs. T.R.Eiler.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs.Chas.Eckert, 8619 Decatur Rd. Tuesday, January 12 at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Fred Jenkins; Worship by Mrs. Robert Rayl.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Howard Overmyer, 920 Clayburn Wednesday, January 13 at 8 P.M.Program, Mrs. Robt. Scott. Worship, Mrs. C. Charles Hunt.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

The Church of Jesus Christ is no small thing! The Christian Church is an undeniable fact. It has behind it a history of nearly two thousand years of steady growth and amazing achievement. Today it is to be found in almost every part of the earth and numbers among its members one-third of the world's population. To be a Christian involves membership in the Church. There can be no such thing as a solitary Christian because allegiance to Christ means a new relationship to our fellow man. The Church corrects our judgments, enlarges our sympathies, reinforces our wills, and makes effective our desires by uniting us with the followers of Christ in every age.

The Church admittedly has faults and failures and possesses a human side. However, its roots lie not in the minds of men, but in the heart of God, and its existence is a part of God's plan for the world. The Church is not an end in itself, but its commission is to proclaim the Good News of the love of God in Christ to all the world. From Jerusalem the Church has gone out into every land. The Church strives to Christianize society and to bring peace to all nations. The Church has been so closely identified with the ongoing life and work of the Risen Lord that it can best be described as the Body of Christ. It has shown itself to be the special sphere & instrument of God's Spirit. Without the Church the doctrines of Christianity would soon become confused and dissipated. We stand on the edge of a new world, for every new day presents a new world. Let's make our world a Christian world, beginning with me.

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

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CHI RHO - Sunday Evening - 5:00 PM

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING
Bible Study - 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Snack time - 6:00 P.M.

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January 3, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 457 |
| Church School Attendance | 368 |
| Regular Church Offering | 2234.45 |
| Church School Offering | 99.70 |
| Christmas Offering | 26.00 |
| Building Fund Offering | 54.00 |
| Parking Lot | 110.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 12.00 |
| | $ 2536.15 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
TO
THE BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 61,351.49

ZONE # 6-D

Mrs. Ray Woodhull, Miss Nancy Woodhull 2650 Fox; Mrs. C. D. Dilts, 3121 Fairfield Mrs. Ethel Allen, 412 Rose Lane; Mrs. Olive Roy, 3016 Hoagland; Mr. Mrs. Robt. Donohue, 2724 Hoagland; Mr. Mrs. C. Hugh Bassett, 2802 Hoagland; Mr. Mrs. C. L. Eastman, 4201 Hoagland Ave.

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Mr. Mrs. M. G. Heller, 3224 Broadway, Mrs. Leo Miller, 3230 1/2 Broadway, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, 3022 South Wayne Ave; Mr. Mrs. Phillip Uhl, 816 Kinnaird Mr. Mrs. J. J. Cain, 813 Kinnaird; Mr. Mrs Robt. L Scott, 828 Kinnaird; Mr. Mrs. Chas. MacDowell, 914 Kinnaird; Mrs. Eunice Lippitt, 2813 Indiana Ave.

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IN SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to all these good folk in our Church family:

Mrs. E. N. Schlatter in the recent loss of her brother.

To Mrs. George Bruckman and her family in the loss of an Aunt, Mrs. Alpha McClain, Indianapolis.

To Mrs. Lawrence Horn in the recent loss of her mother, January 1, 1965.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## "IF INSPIRATION WERE FOR SALE ..."

If men and women had to buy their way into a service as thrilling as was ours at First Christian yesterday, they would gladly pay a good price to gain the joy and inspiration of such an experience of worship. Nearly 600 men and women, boys and girls, came to witness to their quest for God's voice. The Church is of God and is the Household of Faith, and there are times when its spiritual energies ebb and flow. When the Church loses sight of its origin and destiny, the tide goes out. When its household duties obscure its mission, it stands in desperate need of renewal. The time for renewal in the Church has come. There are signs that the renewal has come to First Christian, Fort Wayne. !

Too long the world has considered the Church a nice club for nice people. Toolong we have been content with nominal Christianity. The time has come to "launch out into the deep". It calls for prophetic preaching, and a recovery of the New Testament for millions of thinly veneered Christians. This spiritual renewal will awaken within us the desire to witness! If the Church is concerned only with those who voluntarily come to its doors, it will leave a vast reservoir of persons who will go on living as if the Church did not exist.

You, who claim membership in the Household of Faith, you live beside non-church members, you ride to work alongside non-church members, you go to service clubs and PTA meetings with non-church members, yes, and you speak every day to some who are non-church members. What will you do about it? How long has it been since you tried to win another to Christ? Why not begin this very day?

Sunday's Sermon: "THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD"

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Monthly Meeting

The general CWF meeting will be at the Church Tuesday, January 19, at 2:00 PM. A short business session will be conducted by Mrs. Wm. R. Love, Pres. Program and Worship, "New Nations, Churches Old and New" by the McGavran Group; Dye Group is in charge of hospitality; Nelson Group will serve refreshments. All women of the Church and friends, are invited to attend.

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## BLANKETS!

It will soon be time for the collection of blankets, new or good clean used blankets for the needy of the world. Money for the purchase of new blankets is also acceptable. If you wish to participate, bring your gift to the church - cartons to receive the blankets will be in the church entrances the weeks of February 14 & 21 - Offerings of money for new blankets can be given to Mrs. Walter Birkhold, or Mrs. Robert Perkins or the Church Office .

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## ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Herman Weber has been ill at her home.

The sister of Bruce Stone, living in Mississippi, is very ill.

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## CHOIR CHORDS

The members of the Sanctuary Choir wish to take this means to thank Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Glock for their gift of money with which to purchase new choir music folders.

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## SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

SCHEDULE FOR STUDY

January 17 - Lesson 12 - Part III

January 24 - Lesson 13 - O. T. Institutions (Altar & Tabernacle)

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving January 17, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

Earl Plummer

William Caldwell

10:30 A.M. Service -

Alfred Schell

Robert Clipp

DEACONS:

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Ted Bryan

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## MISLAID!!

Two of our beautiful wood communion bread trays are missing. If any one has seen these trays or know where they might be, please call: Mrs. Wm. Ganter, Mr. M. G. Heller, or the Church Office. Thank you.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
January 10, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | .88 |
| Nursery Department | 14 | 1.55 |
| Kindergarten | 30 | 4.21 |
| Primary Department | 46 | 4.01 |
| Junior Department | 41 | 8.60 |
| Intermediate Dept: | | |
| 7th Grade | 17 | 2.79 |
| 8th Grade | 13 | 2.05 |
| 9th Grade | 15 | 1.10 |
| High School Dept. | 31 | 4.05 |
| Young Adults | 7 | 4.60 |
| '58 Class | 28 | 16.50 |
| Berean Class | 17 | 6.72 |
| Come Double Class | 30 | 11.50 |
| Progressive Class | 33 | 19.25 |
| Friendly Class | 23 | 4.65 |
| Men's Class | 11 | 5.25 |
| Officers | 3 | |
| Totals | 369 | $ 97.71 |

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ASSOCIATED CHURCHES
OF Fort Wayne
ANNUAL MEETING
January 18, 1965

To be held at St. John's United Church of Christ, Washington at Webster St, at 6:30 PM. Tickets for the dinner are $1.60. Reservations must be in by January 14. Call 744-4182.

You are urged to attend and bring other interested people with you.

Special features will include music by the Bell Ringers from West Creighton Christian Church, reports of the year's work, and guest speaker, Rev. W.M. Schoedel, Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

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Prayer is fundamental, not supplemental. It is the connecting link between this life and that whihc is soon to be.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

The highest loyalty that a Christian can have is to his Master, Jesus Christ The Church exists today in this framework, that the will of Christ be done through the Church. The primary purpose of the Church is to teach and preach the Gospel, the Good News of the death and burial and resurrection of Jesus, and its application to our condition.

We preach unity and new life for the Church. Aside from the primary purpose of the Church, unity and new life is never going to come. The Church may engage in a lot of great things, it may become the architect for Utopian dreams and plans, it may spend its energies on noble endeavors. But the Church will never be THE Church if it refuses to fulfill its purpose, or if it fails through ignorance to recognize its purpose.

With the above considerations in mind let us remember that there are many forces that compete for our loyalty and allegiance. All kinds of forces will say, "My 'cause' is so great that you should support it even if it means dividing the family of God'. Let me say with every bit of sincerity that is humanly possible, "THERE IS NO MAN-MADE REASON OR GOD-GIVEN MANDATE TO PLACE A HIGHER VALUE ON ALLEGIANCE TO SOME ORGANIZATION OR PURPOSE OTHER THAN THE CAUSE OF CHRIST!"

A Christian is one who is related to Jesus Christ. That relationship is one of Lord and servant. It is one that is defined by the Lord, not the servant. In relation to Christ, we have no other loyalty but the highest that we can give him. Anything less will not be received.

John W. Williams,
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YOUTH WEEK
January 31 -----February 7, 1965

January 10, 1965

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| Church Worship Attendance | 570 |
| Church School Attendance | 369 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1952.61 |
| Church School Offering | 97.71 |
| Building Fund Offering | 33.00 |
| Parking Lot | 135.00 |
| | $ 2219.32 |

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Textbooks for all departments will be available in the office of the Associat Churches after February 1st. The the for this year's study is "God And His World".

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NOTES: Mrs. George Bruckman wish take this means to thank her many friends for their cards and words of sy pathy she received at the time of her recent sorrow.

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Mr. Harry Hiler had cataracts remov at Lutheran Hospital this last week.



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## "THEN CAME THE SNOW"

In conversation a few moments ago someone said, "What about all this snow? And I replied, "Well, what about spring flowers?" To day's inconvenience may be tomorrow's joy! It takes the moisture of rain and snow to help produce the scent of jasmine and rose, lilac and honeysuckle. It takes the moisture of rain and snow to make a fruitful earth. Yes, today's inconveniences may make tomorrow a day of beauty. Thank God for the snow!

Our friend in Christ, Herbert T. Penry, Jr., minister of Christ at Thomasville, No. Carolina, just called and wanted me to pass along his prayer for "God's Blessings on each and every one of you. He wanted me to tell you that he "sincerely" loved us all and was praying for our growth in Christ. He wanted me to tell you that originally the word 'sincere' was from the Latin word meaning, "Without wax". It has the same meaning of the Greek word in 2 Cor. 4:1, "diluting" or "manipulating" or "adulterating" the word of God. He sincerely prays for us and sincerely loves us, and that means that it is not mere pretense, nor mere words, but in very truth.

Thank God for Herb, and we covet your prayers for him. Pray that God will bring to fruition the dreams which he shares which are of God. Pray that he will know the will of God as he seeks it for his own life and ministry. Pray for the joy and peace of God to fill his church and family to overflowing.

Sunday's Sermon: "THE NEARNESS OF GOD"

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving January 24, 1965

LDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

John H. Barbre

William R. Love

10:30 A.M. Service -

Dr. Henry Lee Butler

Myron M. Cole

)EACONS: January 24, 31.

8:30 A.M. Service

Cecil Beck

William J. Lehman

Donald C. Smith

Ben G. Taylor

10:30 A.M. Service -

F. Wayne Rousseau

Carl D. Linn

Garland Morrolf

Melvin Foster

Dempsey Weaver

Walter Keebortz

Homer Stevenson

Robert Urich - Captain

Team #2 - (748-6155)

ALTERNATES

Delmas Young

Charles R. Ludwig

Herdis G. Helmuth

C. Hugh Bassett

Hendricks P. Love

Lawrence A. Horn

John M. Peterson

DEACONESS - January 24, 31, & February 7.

Mrs. S.E. Merriman

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If you don't believe in co-operation, just observe what happens when one wheel of a wagon comes off.

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1965 Theme: "God and His World"

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ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Herman Rorick is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Room 394.

Mr. C. R. McMaken suffered a stroke last week and is in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. McMaken fell at her home and was badly shaken. She is with her daughter, Mrs. Laurence Coleman, 3428 Kirkfield Dr.

Mrs. Ernest Pond remains in very critical condition at Lutheran Hospital.

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SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

SCHEDULE FOR STUDY

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January 31 - Lesson 14 - O. T. Institutions (Altar & Tabernacle)

( II Temple & Synagogue)

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If you know the Author, you will love His Book!

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January 17, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| ıbes & Toddlers | 10 | .77 |
| ırsery Department | 16 | 1.74 |
| ındergarten Dept. | 27 | 2.25 |
| ımary Department | 52 | 4.26 |
| nior Department | 37 | 7.42 |
| termediate Dept. | | |
| 7th Grade | 12 | 1.61 |
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| oung Adults | 3 | 3.00 |
| 8 Class | 24 | 17.75 |
| erean Class | 20 | 8.08 |
| ome Double Class | 32 | 8.59 |
| rogressive Class | 33 | 20.00 |
| riendly Class | 18 | 3.87 |
| ien's Class | 9 | 4.25 |
| fficers | 3 | |
| Totals | 354 | $ 91.85 |

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## NOTICE!

A special series of meetings will be held during the month of February, from 9:30 to 10:20 A.M. on Sundays in the 7th Grade Classroom for those interested in strengthening Christian education, and increasing their personal dedication to Christian Witness.

William Franklin - Co-ordinator

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To master the Bible, the Bible must first master you.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

If Christian Education is to induct growing persons into the life of the Christian fellowship it must recognize that it is dealing with something more than human quest for the good life. It is the sharing of something that is divinely given. Christian Education makes two emphatic statements (1) God has revealed himself by way of his own free choice. (2) His son, Jesus Christ, by whom he revealed himself, is the means by which we come to God and experience fellowship with one another.

In the light of this, we trace Christian Education to its source and we follow it to its logical c onclusions. We are not the origins nor the destinations of Christian Education. Since Christian Education did not begin with us and it does not conclude with us, it is reason able to believe that we are channels through which it can pass through to others.

Did you ever ask yourself these questions, "Where did my Church School teacher come from? How do they appear "from out of thin air" to guide my thoughts and the lives of my children? Where do thoughts come from? Where do rivers of emotion and desire begin? Where do the teaching and learning processes originate?

Christian Education says that there is something beyond the physical, and it is the spiritual. It is this spiritual reality that gives our material world meaning and purpose. It says that God has penetrated the barriers between thetwo in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ. The Church seeks to call men and women to love and obedience to God. Will God speak to and through us? The real question is "will we listen if he does?"

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YOUTH WEEK
January 31 . . . . . February 7, 1965

January 17, 1965

January 17, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 411 |
| Church School Attendance | 354 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1578.32 |
| Church School Offering | 91.85 |
| Building Fund Offering | 1.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 19.60 |
| | $ 1690.67 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
TO
THE BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 61,351.48

PARKING LOT REPORT

The amount still needed by February 1st, to complete our debt on the parking lot is $1,049.29

INDIANA UNIFIED OUTREACH AREA MEETING

Will be held at First Christian, Fort Wayne, MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1965 Afternoon session from 4:00 to 5:30 PM Dessert-fellowship period from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The films: "The Spenders" and "The Users" will be shown in the afternoon.

The evening session will feature the 1965-1966 Indiana Unified Outreach program with the latest resource material in world outreach and a brief look at a proposed strategy for the rest of the decade.

Those invited to attend: Ministers, Board Chairmen, World Outreach Department, Stewardship Department, Church School Superintendent, CWF treasurer and chairman of Finance, CMF and CYF representatives and UCFA Chairmen. Other interested members may attend.

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WEEK OF COMPASSION
February 21 . . . . . February 27, 1965




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## JFK'S CREED - 1957

President Kennedy saw the future, not the present, as the purpose of life, the Catholic Digest recalls. In an address on September 7, 1957, at the Columban Fathers Seminary in Milton, Mass., the then Senator from Massachusetts Said:

"I believe religion itself is at the root of the present world struggle. It is not merely a weapon; it is the very essence of the struggle itself. At first glance it might seem inevitable that in a struggle where the issue is the supremacy of the moral order, we must be victorious. That it is not inevitable is due to the steady attrition in our faith and belief, a disease from which we in the West are suffering heavily.

"The Communists have substituted dialectical material for faith in God. We on our part have often substituted cynicism, indifference and secularism. We have often permitted the Communists to choose the ground for the struggle. We point with pride to the great outpourings of our factories and assume we have therefore proved the superiority of our system. We forget that the essence of the struggle is not material, but spiritual and ethical. We forget the purpose of life is the future and not the present.

"We cannot separate our lives into compartments, either as individuals or nations. We cannot on the one hand run with the tide; and on the other, hold fact to our principles and ideals. If our nation will recognize the spiritual and moral element of the stern encounter (against the Communists), if it will direct our policies to emphasize this phase of the struggle, if we will refuse those compromises which have cost so heavily, which have blurred the nature of the encounter between our enemies and ourselves then we shall find our way easier, and our success more certain in this world and our future assured in the next." - New York Times, January 6, 1965

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The McGavran Group will meet Tuesday, February 2, at 1:30. Hostess, Mrs. Arza Smith 3113 Lillie St. Program by Mrs. Opal Perkins, Worship, Mrs. Lee Butler.

The Kepple Group will meet with Mrs. George Duncan, 4008 Mound Pass, Tuesday, February 2, 9:00 A.M. Program, Mrs. Charles Tharp, Worship, Mrs. R. G.S. Quinn.

The Spice Group will meet with Mrs. Hendricks Love, 4910 Bowser, Wednesday, February 3, 9:00 A.M. Program, Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Worship, Mrs. Melvin Foster.

The Dye Group will meet with Mrs. C. F. Durfee, 1018 College St. Wednesday February 3, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. L.H. Higgins, Worship, Mrs. R.E. Firestone.

The Higdon Group will meet with Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, 5215 Werling Drive Thursday, February 4, at 7:45 P.M. Program Mrs. Ralph Church; Worship Mrs. H.R. Meadows.

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## BLANKETS

The annual collection of blankets will be taken February 14 & 21. These may be good clean used or new blankets. You may give money for the purchase of blend blankets, $3.15; Cotton sheet blankets, $2.25. Your offerings should be given to Mrs. Walter Birkhold, Mrs. Robert Perkins and brought to the Church office.

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving January 31, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

J. Fred Smell

Charles Fuchshuber

10:30 A.M. Service -

Richard Vanderwall

George Bruckman

DEACONS:

8:30 A.M. Service

Cecil Beck

William J. Lehman

Donald C. Smith

Ben G. Taylor

10:30 A.M. Service -

F. Wayne Rousseau

Carl D. Linn

Garland Morrolf

Melvin Foster

Dempsey Weaver

Walter Keebortz

Homer Stevenson

Robert Urich - Captain

Team # 2 - (748-6155)

DEACON ALTERNATES

Delmas Young

Charles Ludwig

Herdis Helmuth

C. Hugh Bassett

Hendricks P. Love

Lawrence Horn

John M. Peterson

DEACONESS: January 31, February 7.

Mrs. S.E. Merriman

HOSPITALITY - January

Mrs. Wm. R. Love

COFFEE HOUR _ January

'58 Class

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

### OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH!

The late Samuel Shoemaker, Episcopal minister, was a spiritual giant. He saw beneath much of the veneered brand of modern religion to the hollow hearts longing for meaning and purpose. In his book, "REVIVE THY CHURCH, BEGINNING WITH ME," he looks with costly honesty, and bold courage, at the barren lives of the average church member. He looks to the unbounded resources of God available to all men every where through the saving power of His Son Jesus Christ. He says, "We need help, and we need it quickly. We need hope and faith, for without them we can only wring our hands."

This man of God goes on then to show how and when and why men need not perish from spiritual poverty amidst God's plenty. It is a thrilling encounter with God for all who will bother to stop, look, and listen!

This book will be used for eight weeks in all the Adult Sunday School classes, the CYF, and the Chi Rho, beginning February 14. Mimeographed quotations suggestions for spiritual growth, challenges for adventuring in the realm of the spirit, etc., will be given to the classes each Sunday morning as a guide for their thinking. The teachers will be group discussion leaders in this spiritual adventuring with this great man of God.

If you haven't been attending Sunday School at 9:35 A.M. this is your opportunity. We urge every one of you to get access to a copy of this text and then let us come and examine the life of the church of our day and see if we are a part of the hope or hopelessness of our time. This ought to be one of the most stimulating periods of our church's life.

Listen to this one statement of vital challenge: "Sometimes as one seeks to rouse the lethargic folk that occupy the places of Christians in the church, it is to find them immune to ignition - as if instead of being the excelsior with which to light the fire, they were more like shredded asbestos. They will not take fire!"

Can you be ignited for God? Will your soul take the fire?

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### CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
January 24,, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 9 | 1.25 |
| Nursery Department | 10 | 1.08 |
| Kindergarten Dept. | 22 | 3.04 |
| Primary Dept. | 42 | 4.17 |
| Junior Department | 37 | 6.45 |
| Intermediate Dept: | | |
| 7th Grade | 12 | 2.15 |
| 8th Grade | 12 | 2.31 |
| 9th Grade | 11 | 1.12 |
| High School Dept. | 28 | 4.02 |
| Young Adults | 5 | 5.00 |
| '58 Class | 25 | 13.50 |
| Berean Class | 20 | 4.55 |
| Come Double Class | 29 | 9.00 |
| Progressive Class | 24 | 14.35 |
| Friendly Class | 13 | 3.56 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 4.55 |
| Officers | 3 | |
| Totals | 313 | $ 80.10 |

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### NOTICE!

A special series of meetings will be held during the month of February from 9:35 to 10:20 AM. on Sundays in the 7th Grade Classroom for those interested in strengthening Christian education, and increasing their personal dedication to Christian Witness.

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YOUTH WEEK
January 31 ... February 7, 1975

January 24, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 415 |
| Church School Attendance | 313 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1283.90 |
| Church School Offering | 80.10 |
| Building Fund Offering | 9.00 |
| Parking Lot | 252.50 |
| U.C.F.A. | 13.10 |
| | $ 1637.60 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
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BALANCE NOW DUE $ 61,351.48

PARKING LOT REPORT

The amount still needed by February 1st, to complete our debt on the parking lot is ..... $ 796.79

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Brother John has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Room 207. He will undergo surgery on Thursday.

Mr. Ralph Keller was a patient in 304 Lutheran Hospital.

Miss Carole Weesner has been ill at her home.

Mrs. Glen Edgington was a patient in 230, Parkview Hospital.

Mrs Henry Schryver has been confined to her home for several days after suffering a fall.

NOTE: Mrs. Fred (Muriel) Wilson wishes to take this means to thank all her friends in the Church for the cards, get well wishes and prayers which she received during her recent illness.

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING
SCHEDULE FOR STUDY

January 31 - Lesson 14 - O.T. Institutions (II Temple & Synagogue)



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## A HIGH RESOLVE . . . . .

In a marvelous book called, "Stuff of Life", Joseph Fort Newton, has written: "Let us take a vow:

- To live by faith and not by fear, forgetting the things behind and looking forward thus to lighten the load laid upon us, trusting the Lord of Life.
- To clear our minds of old grudges and regrets, and our hearts of old hurts and hang-overs, and meet the new days with a free mind and a heart of pluck, patience, and perseverance.
- To live one day at a time, as if it were the last, dropping yesterday with its mistakes and failures shutting out tomorrow with its forebodings, and live today with confidence and joy.
- To increase our contacts with our fellows, building bridges into other lives, and not walls about ourselves, and learn new skills in the little arts of kindness and service which make happiness.
- To practice daily the presence of God."

Thanks be to God for His prophets! I too resolve to take the same vow as our brother in Christ What about you and yours?

Sunday's Sermon: "DIRTY WINDSHIELDS"

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The ESTHER Group will meet with Mrs Carter Palmer, 2625 No. Wells, Wednesday, February 10, at 6:30 P. M. Program, Mrs. Irene Kissinger; Worship by Mrs. Grover Cahow.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Mildred Hutchinson, 301 E. Fleming, Monday, February 8, at 8:00 PM. Program, Mrs. S. E. Merriman; Worship by Miss Nancy Woodhull.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Frederick Jenkins, 4400 Plaza Drive, Tuesday, February 9, at 8:00 PM. Program, Mrs. Richard Mills Worship by Mrs. Kenneth Hunt.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Lautzenheiser, 3423 S. Harrison, Wednesday, February 10, at 8:00 P. M. Program by Miss Ruth Yost; Worship by Mrs. Robert Hendricks.

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## BLANKETS

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving February 7, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

Bueford Tharp
Carter D. Palmer

10:30 A.M. Service -

Rolland R. Ripple
Floyd E. Morrical

DEACONS: Team # 3

8:30 A.M. Service -

Donald Hogan
Romaine H. Cole
William E. Franklin
James P. Heavin

10:30 A.M. Service -

Rufus Quinn
Thomas Thornbury
John Varner
George Davis
Herman L. Weber
Leland Higgins
Paul Kenline
Orie McDougle - Captain

DEACON ALTERNATES -

James Kirsch
Vernon Moore
Virgil Montgomery
Paul Wilcoxson
Dr. James Ruble
A. Jefferson Young
Sidney Cowen

DEACONESS: February 7

Mrs. S. E. Merriman

HOSPITALITY - February

Mrs. Chas. Fuchshuber

COFFEE HOUR - February

Progressive Class

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## IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Ernest Pond and Marsha in the recent loss of Wife and Mother.

To Mrs. Howard Overmyer our deepest sympathy in the recent loss of a brother.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

(SOS) - SHARE OUR SUBSTANCE -

When hearing one of our modern day Christians talking of sacrifices one makes for the Kingdom of God. I recall the words of James Chalmers, of New Guinea. James Chalmers was a missionary whose service on earth was ended by being clubbed to death and eaten by cannibals. He once declared ...."the word sacrifice ought never to be used in Christ's service." His type of Christian witness brought the realization of the living Christ to the world.

In a few weeks we will be asked to "share our substance" to help bring health and hope to the world's hunger-stricken. Through SOS, lives are saved, bodies are strengthened and millions of the desperately needy are given new hope for the future.

Our Lord said, "...for I was hungry and you gave me food ..." Matt.25:35

February 21 to 28, we will observe the "Week of Compassion" to stress the importance of the "Share Our Substance" program.

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## CHOIR CHORDS

The Choir will sing at the School for Christian Living this next Sunday at 6:00 P.M. This will be a special program of songs we do not generally sing during church because of their rhymic quality and secular feeling, altho they are religious songs. There is a two-fold reason why they are singing: 1. They are adveritizing the coming attraction of next Thursday, Feb. 11th, when the Choir will undertake a program of "Wedding Gowns thru the years", and would like a large attendance to see this interesting and entertaining program. 2. The proceeds will be used to purchase new robes for the Junior Choir.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

January 31, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 11 | 1.73 |
| Nursery | 14 | 1.40 |
| Kindergarten Dept. | 25 | 2.90 |
| Primary Department | 48 | 4.23 |
| Junior Department | 43 | 7.35 |
| Intermediate Dept. | | |
| 7th Grade | 13 | 2.34 |
| 8th Grade | 13 | 2.55 |
| 9th Grade | 13 | .74 |
| High School Class | 33 | 3.80 |
| Young Adults | 11 | 6.40 |
| '58 Class | 28 | 14.75 |
| Berean Class | 19 | 8.00 |
| Come Double Class | 28 | 8.24 |
| Progressive Class | 31 | 22.00 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 4.00 |
| Men's Class | 10 | 5.00 |
| Totals | 362 | $95.43 |

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## STORK NEWS

Wade Scott was born January 28 to Mr. Mrs. Marshall Smith, 1008 River Road, Fort Worth, Texas. Our congratulations to this fine young couple. Mr. & Mrs. Arza Smith are the proud grandparents.

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Also, a little girl was born to Mr. & Mrs Eugene Tassler. Mr. & Mrs. Leland H. Higgins are the proud grandparents.

NOTE: Word comes that Mr. Jack Sweeney has been ill.

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The Primary Workshop (Young Worshippers League) welcomes Mrs. J. C. (Bette) Gerrard as their worship pianist.

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Carry-in Supper & Fellowship - 6:00.

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WEEK OF COMPASSION
February 21 to February 28, 1965

January 31, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 45 |
| Church School Attendance | 36 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1652.3 |
| Church School Offering | 95 4 |
| Building Fund Offering | 5.0 |
| Parking Lot | 163.0 |
| U C F A | 20.3 |
| | $ 1936.1 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATIO
TO
THE BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE

PARKING LOT REPORT

The amount still needed to complete our debt on the parking lot is $ 633 7

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Brother John is still in hospital and is slowly recovering.

Carter Palmer is a patient at Lutheran hospital, Room 324.

Mrs. Mary Wagner fell and broke her wrist. She is at home.

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SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

We will have another carry-in supper for our February 7th meeting at 6 P.M. We are suggesting that each family bring their own table service, and the members in the category from "a thru J", bring dessert; those from "K thru R", bring meat (meat loaf has been suggested), and those from "S thru Z" bring salad. We urge you to be generous. Thank you. The Choir will si

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SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING
SCHEDULE FOR STUDY

February 7 - Lesson 15 - O.T. Institutions (The Jewish Feasts)




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## RIOT OR REVIVAL - Signs of Our Time ...

It has been said of the Apostle Paul, that wherever he went he had a riot or a revival. He generally had both!

"One reason that some of our churches have never got a real plan of evangelism going is that they are trying to find something that will please everybody - the half-converted and hypocritical within the fold and the pleasant pagans on the outside - and there just isn't any such commodity." In those challenging words - Shoemaker lifts up the problem of witnessing to Jesus Christ.

We must witness to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We must be as loving as we can, and try not to meet the "pleasant pagans" with anger and to fight fire with fire. But we shall be foolish if we believe the Church of our Lord can be popular as it probes with nail-pierced hands the empty lives of men and women accustomed to having people pat them on the back and give approval to their foolish doings. The Church will be the Church when and wherever it dares to present the gospel of Jesus as Lord and Messiah without fear or favor, but with winsome love and affection for the perishing.

THIS SUNDAY BEGINS 8 WEEKS OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL IN OUR BIBLE STUDY CLASSES. The prodding will come from the book of Dr. Samuel Shoemaker, "Revive Thy Church Beginning With Me." Even if you have never attended a Bible School Class you will not want to miss one of these next 8 weeks. A mimeographed resume of the chapter under study will be given to each member of the

(Continued - Page -4)

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(General Meeting)

The General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, at 8 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Program will be a Playlet, "Barrier", directed by Mrs. Lawrence Horn. Worship by the Guild. Hospitality - Kepple Group, Higdon Group will serve refreshments. The CWF women of North Christian and West Creighton have been invited to be our guests. We hope to have ALL our groups well represented.

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## BLANKETS

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## ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Ethel Koontz, is a patient in Rm. 595, Lutheran Hospital.

Edward M. Smith is still a patient in Parkview.

Mr. McMaken is still a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

In Nursing Homes: Mrs. Ray Woodhull, Mrs. E. R. Moser.

Baby Mary Elizabeth Day, is ill in Lutheran Hospital.

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BREAKFAST - There will be a breakfast for officers of the Church and their families - Elders, Deacons, Trustees, Deaconesses - on Sunday, February 21, at 7:00 A.M. Following the breakfast the Officers will be installed at the 8:30 A.M. Worship Service.

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Religion is the response of the soul, to the call of God.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

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John E. Merrill

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Paul Wilcoxson
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A. Jefferson Young
Sidney Cowen

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Mrs. Glenn Miller
Mrs. Robert Rayl

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COFFEE HOUR - February
Progressive Class

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - The Elders and Deacons will be installed on Sunday morning at the Worship Service, February 21, 1965.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Upon Corcovado Mountain above Rio de Janeiro, there has been set up the largest statue of Jesus ever sculptured by man. It rises one hundred, thirty feet in height, with outstretched arms. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims have come from far to view this work of art.

The question that we ask is: Will that great shining figure enlarge the thoughts of beholders, vitalize their faith, and lead to a more worthy conception of the imperial personality of our Lord?

Only time will answer, but meanwhile it may be said that that effort of faithful souls to honor Christ does today remind us how men across the centuries have striven to give worthy expression to their growing conception of His glory and greatness.

The strained superlatives of great creeds may be to us as cold and formal as any statue, but a far different things is that flowering of a beautiful personal experience which finds expression in the confident cry of Peter, "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God."

"It is a great day in the life of any man when his own experience compels him to search of a word great enough to describe what Christ means to him"

Our Christ is not a Christ of stone or marble. Nor is He a crucified Christ. He is a living Christ. How do I know He lives? "He lives in my heart!" And within the breast of every faithful follower he dwells in regal majesty. The fellowship of other Christians is essential to your understanding of Him. For He lives in them, too. We learn of the living Christ by sharing in the presence of others. May we see you in Church School at 9:35 A.M. each week.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

February 7, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 11 | 1.10 |
| Nursery | 11 | 1.09 |
| Kindergarten Dept. | 33 | 3.95 |
| Primary Department | 46 | 5.43 |
| Junior Department | 44 | 8.45 |
| Intermediate Dept. | | |
| 7th Grade | 13 | 1.90 |
| 8th Grade | 10 | 2.20 |
| 9th Grade | 14 | 1.20 |
| High School Class | 36 | 3.68 |
| Young Adults | 5 | 4.25 |
| '58 Class | 33 | 16.50 |
| Berean Class | 17 | 6.50 |
| Come Double Class | 33 | 12.24 |
| Progressive Class | 32 | 18.00 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 4.60 |
| Men's Class | 10 | 4.25 |
| Totals | 373 | $ 95.83 |

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CLASS PRESIDENTS for 1965: -

High School Class - Marlo Vanderwall
Come Double - Lee Bragg
Berean Class - E. M. O'Laughlin
'58 Class - Gerry Bailey
Progressive Class - Rufus Quinn
Friendly Class - Mrs. Leo Miller
Men's Class - Marvin Crouse

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN -

"You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred."

"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich."

"You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative & independence."

"You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift."

"You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer."

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9:35 to 10:25 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery - All Services - Infants and Children through 5 years)
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Bible Study - 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.
Snack & Fellowship 6:00 P.M.

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WEEK OF COMPASSION
February 21 to February 28, 1965

February 7, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 465 |
| Church School Attendance | 373 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1285.32 |
| Church School Offering | 95.83 |
| Building Fund Offering | 27.50 |
| Parking Lot | 51.00 |
| U.C.F.A | 48.70 |
| | $ 1508.35 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
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BALANCE DUE - PARKING LOT . .
$ 573.79

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class for your study and participation. The Church can provide the opportunity for growth, but you must take advantage of the opportunity, or it will mean nothing at all to you.

Sundays Sermon:
"WITH WITHERED HANDS'

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STORK NEWS

Sara Jane was born to Mr. & Mrs. John M. Peterson, 3342 Terry Lane, February 4, 1965. Our sincere congratulations to these fine folk.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Edward M. Smith has been a patient in Parkview Hospital.

We are happy to report that Brother John is recovering from his illness. His is still in Lutheran Hospital.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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"EVERY ONE BRING ONE"

Through the Bible School Committee we are offering an opportunity to Witness for Christ! It is the "Every One Bring One" Sunday! This is not for the purpose of bringing just those who have no relationship in any Church, but to invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you who is not active in any real way in the life of the Kingdom of God. Perhaps you will bring a friend who for a long time wondered why you never invited them to attend Bible School and Worship with you. Now the opportunity has come - just say, "our church is having a good neighbor Sunday, and we are supposed to invite a good friend or neighbor to fellowship with us this Sunday, will you attend with us?"

PARKING LOT A BLESSING - hasn't it been wonderful this winter to come and find the parking lot without a mud puddle? No child has fallen and gone home with a good coat covered with mud, at least, not to our knowledge! No lady has stepped into a hole that let the mud and water cover her shoes! Yes, what a blessing it has been to see the Church clear of tracked in mud, etc.

But, there is a very small deficit! Just over $550! A hundred of us giving an extra $5; or 50 of us giving an extra $10, and the job would be completely taken care of, without a dime having gone from the regular treasury. Anyone care to help?

Sunday's Sermon: "THE ROAD TO CALVARY"

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

There will be a BREAKFAST for the officers of the Church and their families - Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Deaconesses - on Sunday morning, February 21 at 7:00 A.M.
INSTALLATION of Officers at the 8:30 A.M. Worship Service. If you are planning to attend the breakfast and have not mailed in your card, please call the Church Office.

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## BLANKETS

Bring your good, clean used blankets next Sunday, or, if you prefer to buy a new blankets - they are: blends $3.25 each; cotton sheets, $2.25. Your money should be given to Mrs. W.C. Birkhold who is in charge of buying the new blankets.

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## CHOIR CHORDS

The Sanctuary Choir would like to take this means to thank everyone who made the "Wedding Gown Fashion Show" possible. It was a huge success! Our thanks go especially to all the workers and the models who spent long hours in preparation for the show. And also our thanks go to the committee who served refreshments. We appreciated the support we received from the audience.

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## NOTES

Mrs. Mary Wagner wishes to thank all her friends in the church, and the children from the Nursery, for the cards and get-well wishes she received following her accident which resulted in a broken wrist.

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Due to the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Louis Culbertson has been in Weslaco, Texas, for the past several weeks.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving February 21, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -
William Crouse
David Griggs

10:30 A.M. Service -
Robert Rayl
J. E. Weicker

DEACONS: Team #1

8:30 A.M. Service -
Jack Sweeney
Cliff Travis
Robert Westerfield
Walter J. Williams

10:30 A.M. Service -
Bruce Stone
Charles Speicher
Edward M. Smith
Howard Howell
A.E. Huddleston
Robert Ogles
Robert Perkins
John E. Black - Captain

DEACON ALTERNATES:
Robert Rogers
Ted Bryan
D. Wayne Penny
Edwin Hall
John F. Hechler
Robert Schubel
Robert Hendricks

DEACONESSES: February 21, 28
Mrs. Glenn Miller
Mrs. Robert Rayl

HOSPITALITY - February
Mrs. Chas. Fuchshuber

COFFEE HOUR - February
Progressive Class

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CLASS PRESIDENTS for 1965
NOTE - CORRECTION!
High School Class - Miss Linda King
President; Miss Marlo Vanderwall, Se

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
February 14, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 9 | 1.88 |
| Nursery | 12 | .84 |
| Kindergarten Dept. | 25 | 2.56 |
| Primary Dept. | 42 | 5.12 |
| Junior Department | 42 | 7.45 |
| Intermediate Dept. | | |
| 7th Grade | 16 | 2.35 |
| 8th Grade | 15 | 2.50 |
| 9th Grade | 12 | .73 |
| High School Class | 36 | 4.58 |
| Young Adults | 7 | 3.12 |
| '58 Class | 25 | 15.50 |
| Berean Class | 17 | 6.50 |
| Come Double Class | 32 | 10.00 |
| Progressive Class | 37 | 19.00 |
| Friendly Class | 20 | 3.15 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 7.75 |
| Totals | 358 | $ 91.03 |

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## ENGLISH CLERGYMEN REFUSE TO BAPTIZE BABIES

When the English Church severed relations with the Roman church, it naturally retained some of the unscriptural practices which had grown up in the Roman church. One of these unscriptural practices was infant baptism.

Recently three vicars have resigned from the Church of England because they no longer believe in infant baptism. Three others have informed their bishops that henceforth they will baptize believers only.

According to reports (see TIME, Jan. 8, 1965, p. 36) dozens of other vicars are in sympathy with the "rebels".

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Always the Bible has inspired the noblest courage and the most sublime actions of man. Heroes have dedicated their lives to its principles. Martyrs have died with its words on their lips.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Some time ago I came across a letter which interested me. This person wrote:

"Today I offered an acquaintance an opportunity to share in one of the most rewarding experiences she could ever have and she said, 'No.'

"This thing I offered is something that leads a person down a path where may be discovered truths that can change your own life as well as the ones that accompany you on your journey....

"Together you learn to know what true brotherhood is, what you as a Christian should do about your time, talent and money. The things you share together are endless and wonderful.

"All these things I offered this person and she answered: 'I just haven't time.'

"You see, what I was offering her was the opportunity to be a substitute teacher in the Youth department of the Church School."

The letter concluded with these words: "No wonder Jesus sits weeping over Jerusalem!"

During the past few weeks there have been special classes offering teacher training for various Church School departments. Few have accepted the opportunity afforded by them. The final class will be conducted this next Sunday at 9:35 A.M.

Are YOU accepting the challenge?

See you next Sunday in Church School and Morning Worship.

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

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Good teaching causes scholars to think, to do, to be.

Mr.Mrs. Roger Yeider, Jr
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Snack & Fellowship 6:00 P.M.

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WEEK OF COMPASSSION
February 21 to February 28, 1965

February 14, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 459 |
| Church School Attendance | 358 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1249.05 |
| Church School Offering | 91.03 |
| Building Fund Offering | 22.00 |
| Parking Lot | 160.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 2.80 |
| Junior Choir Robes | 208.77 |
| | $ 1733.65 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
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IS THE
BALANCE DUE NOW $ 60,432.67

BALANCE DUE - PARKING LOT ...
$ 413.79

UCFA BALANCE DUE 54,623.17

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Bill Burkett has been a patient in Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. David Crebb is a patient in the Parkview Hospital

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WHAT SOS DOES FOR PEOPLE
S - SHARE
O - OUR
S - SUBSTANCE

5¢ provides a cup of milk a day for ten days to 24 children

25¢ provides a bowl of noodles a day for five weeks for twelve children

$1 gives a bowl of rice per day to 100 children for a year

$1 provides a bowl of cereal for 3000 children

$5 gives a cup of milk to 24,000 children

$10 sends two slices of bread to 9,000 children.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## "IN THE LORD'S HOUSE"

Yesterday was a wonderful day in the House of the Lord! The every-one-bring-one campaign in the Bible School saw 49 visitors present! The Bible School attendance went up to 415; and more than 60 people gathered for the Installation breakfast at 7 A.M. and then at 8:30 the leaders of this congregation were formally installed to their areas of responsibility by the chairman of the Board, James Naile. The 10:30 A.M. Service also saw a full sanctuary, and 9 people respond to the invitation to Christian discipleship. 7 of them by confession of faith and baptism.

The 5 P.M. study hour was rather poorly attended and needs your support. There are just 7 Sundays left until Palm Sunday, when the evening sessions end! We will be dealing in these last 7 sessions with practical ways to help the Christian grow and develop the Christian life.

How about a word of testimony. Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, recognized as one of the world's greatest living surgeons and physicians says: "I have with the past 20 years of my life come out of uncertainty and doubt into a faith which is an absolute dominating conviction of the truth and about which I have not a shadow of doubt . . . I believe the Bible to be God's Word, because as I use it day by day as spiritual food I discover in my own life, as well as in the lives of those who likewise use it, a transformation correcting evil tendencies, purifying affections, giving pure desires and teaching concerning the righteousness of God of which those who do not so use it can know nothing. It is as really food for the spirit as bread for the body." No one who is ignorant of the Bible can be said to be truly cultured!

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving February 28, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

Alfred Schell

Earl Plummer

10:30 A.M. Service -

William Caldwell

Hugh D. Rice

DEACONS: Team # 1

8:30 A.M. Service -

Jack Sweeney

Cliff Travis

Robert Westerfield

Walter J. Williams

10:30 A.M. Service -

Bruce Stone

Charles Speicher

Edward M. Smith

Howard Howell

A.E. Huddleston

Robert Ogles

Robert Perkins

John E. Black - Captain

DEACON ALTERNATES:

Robert Rogers

Ted Bryan

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Robert Schubel

Robert Hendricks

DEACONESSES: February 28

Mrs. Glenn Miller

Mrs. Robert Rayl

HOSPITALITY - February

Mrs. Chas. Fuchshuber

COFFEE HOUR - February

Progressive Class

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STORK NEWS

A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Doehrman this month. Congratulations to parents and Babe. Mr. & Mrs. Clover Branstrator are the proud grandparents.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The MCGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. W.H. Imbody, 4522 Spatz, Tuesday March 2, at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Neil Allen; Worship by Mrs. Hugh Rice.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. R.G.S. Quinn, 3916 Oak Park Dr. Tuesday March 2, at 9:00 AM. Program by Mrs. Quinn; Worship by Mrs. George R Bruckman.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. William Ganter, 1142 Foster Parkway Wednesday, March 3, at 9:00 AM. Program by Mrs. Hendricks Love; Worship by Mrs. E.W. Klepfer.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave. Wednesday March 3, at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Fred Hilker; Worship by Mrs. Wm. Hunt

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Virgil Montgomery, 716 Archer Ave., Thursday, March 4, at 7:45 PM. Co-Hostess, Mrs. Chas. Fuchshuber. Program by Mrs. Ben Taylor; Worship by Mrs. Robert Clipp.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 5, at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St. at 1:30 PM. Theme: "WHAT DOTH THE LORD REQUIRE".

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OUR NURSERY

We are in need of OLDER-teens to help in the Nursery at various services. Also more COUPLES are needed for the 2 to 4 year group. A bulletin board will be available to those who will sign up for these services, or you may call Mrs. Robt. Westerfield, 748-8482.

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NOON DAY LENTEN SERVICES ...

March 3 - April 15, 1965

First Presbyterian Church Chapel from 12 Noon to 12:30 PM

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
February 21, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 9 | 1.10 |
| Nursery | 16 | 1.82 |
| Kindergarten | 25 | 2.82 |
| Primary Dept. | 35 | 5.36 |
| Junior Department | 53 | 9.15 |
| Intermediate Department: | | |
| 7th Grade | 17 | 1.80 |
| 8th Grade | 15 | 1.33 |
| 9th Grade | 15 | 1.50 |
| High School Class | 46 | 5.10 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 3.00 |
| '58 Class | 32 | 16.70 |
| Berean Class | 18 | 7.85 |
| Come Double Class | 39 | 17.50 |
| Progressive Class | 34 | 21.25 |
| Friendly Class | 26 | 4.65 |
| Men's Class | 10 | 5.75 |
| Totals | 415 | $ 106.80 |

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## PRAYER POEM

"I knelt to pray, when day was done.
'O Lord, bless everyone.
Lift from each saddened heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again.'

"And then I woke another day,
And carelessly went along my way.
The whole day long I did not try
To wipe a tear from any eye.

I did not try to share the load
Of any brother on the road.
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me.

"Yet once again when day was done,
I prayed, 'O Lord, bless everyone.'
But as I prayed, into my ear
There came a voice that whispered clear,

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Brother John takes this means to express his thanks and deep appreciation for all the wonderful messages, and cards, and visits, and telephone calls, and gifts, which he received during his recent illness and hospitalization. Every get-well wish and every prayer brought hope and cheer. Thank you all, dear friends.

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## EVERY ONE BRING ONE!

49 guests were in attendance throughout the Church School last Sunday morning. We were very pleased to have these guests in our classes and hope that they enjoyed their fellowship with us. 'Every One Bring One' Sunday will be repeated again on March 21. Those visitors who wish to be with us again and all those who did not make it this month, will be welcome. Start your plans now and invite your friends and neighbors to come with you on March 21.

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'Pause, hypocrite, before you pray.
Whom have you tried to bless today?
God's sweetest blessings always go
By hands that serve Him here below'.

"And then I hid my face, and cried,
'Forgive me, God, for I have lied.
Let me but live another day,
And I will live the way I pray'."

--Copied

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## THE VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

1965 Theme -"God And His World"
Textbooks and pupil's materials are now available at Associated Churches Office
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Snack & Fellowship 6:00 P.M.

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SUNDAY'S SERMON . . .
"Joy Cometh In The Morning"

February 21, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 559 |
| Church School Attendance | 415 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1455.59 |
| Church School Offering | 106.80 |
| Building Fund Offering | 109.00 |
| Parking Lot | 14.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 10.00 |
| Week of Compassion | 30.00 |
| | $ 1725.39 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
TO
THE BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 59,509.65

BALANCE DUE - PARKING LOT . . .
$ 399.79

U.C.F.A. BALANCE 54,623.17

AMONG OUR SICK

Little Miss Roberta Smith is a patient on West 4th, Lutheran Hospital, having undergone surgery.

Mrs. Ernest Tatman is a patient in Roo 142, Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Troy Yeoman has undergone surgery this week at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Ralph Keller is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Word comes that Mrs. Hazel Herndon broke her wrist several weeks ago.

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IN SYMPATHY

Mrs. E. R. Moser, one of our shut-in members passed away last Saturday. Burial was last Monday. We express sincere sympathy to relatives and friend

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## MOVEMENT TOWARD THE DAWN . . .

Beginning this week the world moves beneath the sway of the man yonder on the cross! We are held in the awful splendor of Calvary only because of the majesty of the Easter dawn! Tucked away on one of Paul's letters is this striking phrase, "The very heart of my message is the resurrection of Jesus"! Often, without meaning to negate the glory of our Lord's triumph, we make central the cross, when the New Testament faith came to us through the open door of the empty tomb! I urge you to look at the passion story as the early Christians, including the apostles, saw it - from the empty tomb back to Calvary and beyond!

James M. Barrie, in his play, What Every Woman Knows, says of charm in a woman, "If she has it she does not need anything else; but if she does not have it nothing else can do her any good." If the Church of the 20th Century is possessed by its Lord and Master, it will need little else to bring a saving garce to our time, but God forbid, if the church in any generation does not have Christ, little else will do any good! I'm grateful for a Church which attempts to live by the fact that the "Church has no creed but Christ".

Sunday's Sermon: "MAN'S NEED"

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
### Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Verna Sullivan, 121 East Branning, Monday, March 8, at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. T.R.Eiler; Worship by Mrs. O.R.Kuhlman.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. John Olson, 6606 Fernwood, Tuesday, March 9, at 8 P.M. Co-hostess, Mrs. Paul Yentes. Program by Mrs. Thomas Holloway; Worship by Mrs. James Ruble.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Garland Morrolf, 3228 Wendover Rd. Wednesday, March 10 at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Howard Overmyer; Worship by Mrs. Robt. Lautzenheiser.

The ESTHER Group will meet with Mrs Merle Teeters, 311 Elizabeth St. Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Irene Kissinger; Worship by Mrs. C. C. Cahow.

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## HAT SALE

The annual HAT SHOW AND SALE - will be held March 11 from 1:30 to 8:00 P.M. in the Church Parlor. These are new Spring hats. The sale is sponsored by the women of C.W.F. Every one is invited.

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## IN APPRECIATION

Mrs. C.R.McMaken wishes to take this means to thank her many friends for their cards, and messages of cheer received in this time of Mr. McMaken's illness.

Also, Mrs. Wayne Koontz wishes to thank all her friends for their kind words of cheer and lovely get-well cards she received during her recent stay in the hospital.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
### Officers Serving March 7, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service

Frederic Smell
John Barbre

10:30 A.M. Service

William Love
Dr. Henry Butler

DEACONS: Team #2 -Robert Urich, Captain.

8:30 A.M. Service

Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Herdis Helmuth
Hugh Bassett

10:30 A.M. Service

Hendricks Love
Lawrence Horn
John M. Peterson
Andrew Cook
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Robert Urich

DEACON ALTERNATES:

Cecil Beck
William J. Lehman
Donald C. Smith
Ben G. Taylor
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
Melvin Foster

DEACONESSES: March 7, 14, 21

Mrs. Herman Weber
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Berean Class

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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 5th, 1:30 PM

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
February 28, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 9 | 1.07 |
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| Kindergarten | 21 | 4.15 |
| Primary Dept. | 46 | 6.88 |
| Junior Department | 41 | 14.94 |
| Intermediate Department: | | |
| 7th Grade | 16 | 2.25 |
| 8th Grade | 15 | 2.70 |
| 9th Grade | 10 | 1.01 |
| High School Class | 36 | 4.82 |
| Young Adults | 9 | 6.05 |
| '58 Class | 36 | 14.70 |
| Berean Class | 16 | 9.50 |
| Come Double Class | 33 | 12.25 |
| Progressive Class | 35 | 71.25 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 4.91 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 2.75 |
| Totals | 368 | $163.93 |

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## OUR NURSERY

We are in need of OLDER-teens to help in the Nursery during Services. Also, we need more COUPLES for the 2 to 4 year group. A time schedule will be found on the bulletin boards for those who will sign up for a time to serve, or you may call Mrs. Robert Westerfield, 748-8482.

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## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

1965 Theme - "God and His World" Textbooks and pupil's materials are now available at the Associated Churches Office. Teachers Institute will be held May 6 at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, 6406 S. Calhoun St. Vacation Church School teachers should plan to attend the Institute on May 6th.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

After the snow and the hospital, at long last, I'm back at the desk. It feels good to be back, too! Your prayers, cards and visits contributed much to the recovery process. I hope I never have to go back to the hospital another time in my life. Two times in less than a year is more than enough for one person. To be in the condition that I was in, the hospital was the best place to be. I could never complain about the care given by the doctor, the nurses and all the aids. Did you know that the Lord's Supper was served to me the two Sundays I spent in the Hospital? the Minister and the Chairman of the Board came with it. It will be brought to you, too, if you request it. This was one of the most meaningful experiences during confinement. The Hospital Chaplain conducts services twice each day for patients, visitors and hospital staff members. One service is held at 6:00 A.M. and the other is at 1:00 P.M. To see people in wheel chairs and on crutches and other situations coming to chapel does something for the soul. More than ever you realize that God is not dead!

TAKE TIME, NOW, TO THANK GOD FOR TRIALS! There was once a fellow who had it so good that he almost forgot that he was alive, almost, that is, until a stinging blow of sorrow forced him back to reality.

See you and your family in church School and Worship next Sunday.

John W. Williams,
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SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING
Bible Study - 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.
Carry-in Dinner & Fellowship 6:00

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February 28, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 423 |
| Church School Attendance | 368 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1206.31 |
| Church School Offering | 98.93 |
| Building Fund Offering | 2.00 |
| Parking Lot | 6.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 37.90 |
| Week of Compassion | 169.50 |
| | $ 1520.64 |

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BALANCE DUE - PARKING LOT ...
$ 393.79

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 53,873.17

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Once again on Sunday evening we will have a Carry-in dinner following the regular Bible Study period, at 6:00 PM

Those whose names begin with A thru J, please bring avegetable or salad; Those from K thru R, bring a dessert; Those from S thru Z, bring meat loaf. We urge all of you to bring generous portions so that we will have sufficient food for everyone present. Thank you!

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AMONG OUR SICK

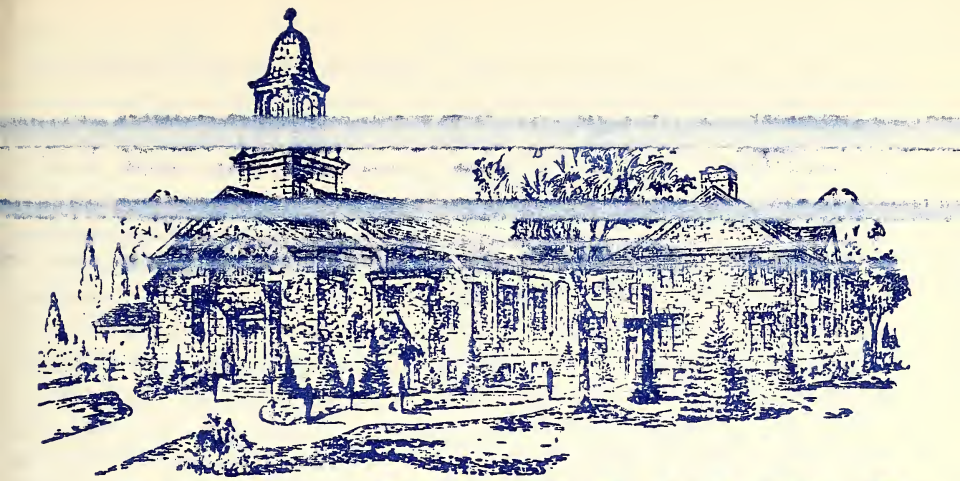
Mr. Clinton McMaken is a patient in Room 123, Moellering Unit of Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Warren Webster has been a patient in Room 318, Lutheran Hospital.

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Mrs. H.K. Pritchard has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 23 Fort Wayne, Indiana. March 11 1965 24


## "WHEN THE HEART HUNGERS"

A family reunion had been planned for many months. The old folks had looked forward to it with a hunger of heart for they knew that their years were numbered, and knew that this might be the last time they would all be together All preparations were made - the meat one son liked so much, the hot biscuits that the youngest daughter just loved, and the pumpkin pie that the oldest son said brought him the fondest memories of his boyhood.

Considerable time and effort, and long range planning went into making this reunion possible. One family had flown in from the west coast, another had made a cross-country drive with small children, etc But the youngest boy did not get there! Nothing was wrong with the relationship between them, it was just that the hunting season was opening and a friend had called the boy and it was just too good to turn down. He was very apologetic, and in fact, left the decision up to his mother when he phoned her. "Oh, you go ahead and hunt, she said. "We 'll understand."

Nevertheless the fellowship was broken and somehow many a heart was hungry for the one who had not made it. The parents knew a hurt they could not readily communicate. Strangely, the fellowship was broken not through bitterness and illwill but through carelessness and selfishness:

The Church of our Lord is a beloved fellowship. A banquet is spread at our Lord's Table, and He, as our unseen Host, has offered us the gracious invitation, "This do in remembrance of me." And often the fellowship between God and members of His family is broken. It is broken by us, never by Him!

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
March 7, 1965

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 11 | 1.40 |
| Nursery | 13 | 1.45 |
| Kindergarten | 22 | 4.19 |
| Primary Dept. | 27 | 2.88 |
| Junior Department | 40 | 10.96 |
| Intermediate Department: | | |
| 7th Grade | 10 | 1.33 |
| 8th Grade | 13 | 1.95 |
| 9th Grade | 12 | 1.81 |
| High School Class | 39 | 5.45 |
| Young Adults | 6 | 2.25 |
| '58 Class | 25 | 11.50 |
| Berean Class | 11 | 6.50 |
| Come Double Class | 38 | 16.50 |
| Progressive Class | 31 | 27.75 |
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Here is your chance to bring those guests who were unable to come in February. Just the same as the Every One Bring One in February, you are asked to search among your friends and neighbors and bring some one to First Christian.

Remember, you are answering a challenge when you put into action your thought that you just might try this time.

Can we beat the February figure of 49 guests? If YOU make the effort we will surely go over the figure, Don't leave it to your other class mates to make all the effort .....

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The Kingdom of Heaven is not only a gift; it is a task.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick gave us good advice when he said, "The highest use of shaken time is to discover the unshakeable. When everything that can totter is staggering then is the time to get our eyes on what stands firm."

A faith for our times requires the ingredients described in the poetic words of Grace Noll Crowell. She said:

"So long I have been guided by thy power
Up many a tangled path and stony hill,
And now, dear Lord, through this strange, darkened hour,
Be with me still!

Be with me for the way is long and lonely
I am bewildered and I cannot see;
But Lord, I Shall not be afraid, if only
Thou wilt walk with me.

If only I can some way keep recalling
The darkened roads I traveled in the past,
How, after Thou didst long guard me from falling,
Light shone at last.

Then surely, Lord, I can go forward, knowing
That somewhere on the hills the light will dawn,
And I shall reach it safely, if in going
Thou wilt still lead on."

The job of our Church School is to present to the world God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the Unshaken and the Unshakeable - "the same yesterday, today and forever!"

John W. Williams,
Associate Minister

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When one gives himself to Christ, the giving of all lesser things becomes easy.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN's FELLOWSHIP

General Monthly Meeting

The general meeting of CWF will be held at the church, Tuesday, March 16 at 1:00 P.M. A luncheon will be served by the McGavran and Montgomery Groups, Tickets $1.00. Get your reservations in early. Following the luncheon, the program, "The Decade, Past, Present and Future" will be in charge of the Dye Group. The Spice Group is in charge of hospitality. A short business session will be conducted by Mrs. Wm. Love, CWF President.

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## CHI RHOS

The Chi Rho project for this year is the sale of notepaper. This stationery has a beautiful photo of the church on its cover. There are 20 sheets and 20 envelopes in each box. The price is $1.00. The Youth have just a few box es left to sell . In these unsold boxes lies their profit. They needyour cooperation. See anyone of the Chi Rho youth, or contact Mrs. Peggy Buskirk, sponsor.

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## THANK YOU!

The Carl Smith family wish to thank all those who were so kind to Robin while she was in the hospital. She enjoyed all the little gifts and cards and visits. Robin is now at home and is progressing nicely.

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## AMONG OUR SICK

Miss Gloria Phillips was a patient this week in Room 538 Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Melvin McNamee is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 815.

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving March 14, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service

Myron Cole

Robert Clipp

10:30 A.M. Service

Charles Fuchshuber

Robert Rayl

DEACONS: Team # 2-

Robert Urich, Captain

8:30 A.M. Service

Delmas Young

Charles Ludwig

Herdis Helmuth

Hugh Bassett

10:30 A.M.Service

Hendricks Love

Lawrence Horn

John M. Peterson

Andrew Cook

Dempsey Weaver

Walter Keebortz

Homer Stevenson

Robert Urich

DEACON ALTERNATES:

Cecil Beck

William J. Lehman

Donald C. Smith

Ben G. Taylor

F. Wayne Rousseau

Carl D. Linn

Garland Morrolf

Melvin Foster

DEACONESS: March 14, 21

Mrs. Herman Weber

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Sunday's Sermon:
"When The Heart Hungers"

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| Church School Attendance | 328 |
| Church School Offering | 87.97 |
| Building Fund Offering | 38.75 |
| Parking Lot | 200 00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 17.30 |
| Week of Compassion | 180 50 |
| | $ 2149 64 |

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The reasons we make for breaking the fellowship of God are often trivial, and most often selfish. Church attendance, for the true Disciple of Christ, is some thing more than a compliment to the minister and the choir. It is a date with love - a

"Love divine that stooped to share
Our sharpest pang, our bitt'rest tear!"

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CARTER D. PALMER

We were grieved at the recent passing away of Carter Palmer. Mr. Palmer was a member of the Church for many years and faithfully served his church in various offices as: Financial Secretary, served on the Deacons Board and since 1950 was an Elder in the Church. He will be missed from among us. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Palmer and his family, in her time of sorrow.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## "THE TASKS WHICH ARE GOD'S"

What a wonderful fellowship in the work of the Lord we are sharing in First Christian! Sunday saw two well-attended worship services, with 8 responses to the invitation, 5 by confession of faith and Christian Baptism. We are indeed delighted that God has led Mr. & Mrs. Larry Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Howell, Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Gumpp, their son Kirk, and their daughter Nancy Lynn, to commit their lives to the Lord of Lords, and to the tasks which are His. We welcome them and pray for them a double-portion of God's spirit.

Remember: the children and youth through 12 years are invited to share in the worship services to be led by Rev. Williams during the morning worship services. They will be meeting in the Church Parlor at 10:30, and it will not be an "imitation" worship service, but will be a real attempt to reach these youth for our Lord, on a level where they can ask questions, and share in the whole experience of finding God. Perhaps they will spend one entire service in a prayer experience, etc. We believe this can be of real spiritual value to your sons and daughters. You also need to believe they have needs of the heart and spirit which need to be met, and then make the effort to bring them.

PASTOR'S TRAINING CLASS: Saturday morning from 10 to 11 AM, the youth of the church, from 10 to 16 years, who are desiring information concerning the meaning of Church membership will meet to study the most important subject on earth: our relationship to God, His Church, His Book, etc. Parents, if you love your child, bring them for a deeper understanding of their relationship to God and His Church. The ministers of the Church will lead this class.

## CHOIR CHORDS

With Easter coming soon, the Choir is inviting everyone who would like to sing to come to rehearsals and help make the music more beautiful on Easter Morn. We meet Thursdays at 7:30 PM. We welcome all people who love to sing.

NOTE: The Choir photograph album is missing ... does anyone know where it is? It is light blue in color. If you have seen it, or know where it might be, please contact Don Miller.

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## BASKETBALL

Riverside School reports that a Timex watch has been found .. will the owner contact Mrs. Chas. Ludwig, 483-3010.

Also - the Principal of Riverside School has highly complimented the boys for the fine way they have taken care of the school's facilities during their practice hour. This has been greatly appreciated.

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## 126th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

The Indiana State Convention, Disciples of Christ, will be held at the First Christian Church in Marion, April 29 - May 2. PRE-registrations - for adults $2.00, Youth $1.00. They must be in by April 21. Registration cards will be available soon. This Convention is within commuting distance for us and we urge our people to plan to attend the sessions. A list of hotels, motels, and rooms in private homes will be available for those who plan to stay in Marion for the duration of the Convention. These are crucial times and it behooves all of us to attend as many of the sessions as possible in order to better understand the plans and purposes laid out for the Church of which we are a part.

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Officers Serving March 21, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service

George Bruckman

Bueford Tharp

10:30 A.M. Service

Richard Vanderwall

Rolland Ripple

DEACONS: Team # 3

Orie McDougle, Captain

8:30 A.M. Service

James Kirsch

Vernon Moore

Virgil Montgomery

Paul Wilcoxson

10:30 A.M. Service

Dr. James Ruble

Jefferson Young

Sidney Cowen

George Davis

Herman Weber

Leland Higgins

Paul Kenline

Orie McDougle

ALTERNATE DEACONS:

Donald Hogan

Romane Cole

William Franklin

James Heavin

Rufus Quinn

Thomas Thornbury

John Varner

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NURSERY: Mrs. Likens reports that a number of items have been left in the Nursery including diapers. Will the owners please pick them up.

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### "GIVING MORE EFFECTIVELY"

Realizing that one of each three American families owns stocks and bonds - including mutual funds - we thought you would like to learn more about some effective ways of giving. The giving of stocks or bonds is one good way; good for the one who gives and good for the one who receives. Gifts of stock that has increased in value can be handled in two ways: First, by giving it outright. If you sell the stock yourself, and give the proceeds, you must pay capital gains tax; but when you give stocks outright, you avoid this tax. Even more important: you can give a much larger gift. Second, by selling the increased-value stock to an educational or other charitable institution. This is called a "bargain sale" gift. It works like this: We'll say the stock which originally cost you $1,000 has increased in worth till it is now valued at $1500. If you sell the stock to an educational or charitable institution for $1,000 - the original cost- two things take place. (1) You have received the total amount of your investment. (2) You will be able to deduct the $500 as a gift. Note: stock that has gone down in value since it was purchased should be sold by the individual and the proceeds given to charity (or an educational institution). Thus you can take both a deduction for your gift and a capital loss on your tax return.

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We hope to see you at Church School next Sunday at 9:30 A.M.

John W. Williams,
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Sunday's Sermon:
"Facing Life With A Lead Sinker"

March 14, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 458 |
| Church School Attendance | 338 |
| Regular Church Offering | $1377.25 |
| Church School Offering | 94.88 |
| Building Fund Offering | 25.00 |
| 30 Pieces of Silver | 3.00 |
| Week of Compassion | 16.00 |
| | $ 1516.19 |

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Little Brenda Morrolf has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital, on West 4th.

It has been reported that Mr. McMaken is still quite ill and is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

NOTE: I wish to thank the Ministers and members of First Christian Church for their prayers, telephone and personal calls and gifts during the sickness and death of my loved one. They were so much appreciated.
- Mrs. Carter Palmer

JOHNSON BIBLE COLLEGE CHOIR will be here and will present a musical program on Palm Sunday evening, April 11. Homes will be needed to house the young people on Sunday evening with breakfast on Monday morning before they leave. Those families desiring to host a number of these youth please call the Church Office. Thank you!




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## THE MOMENT TO DECIDE

There is a story told by James H. McConkey of a man and his son-in-law who are traveling around a frozen lake in the dead of winter. They decide to build a campfire on the edge since the snow was deep on the surrounding banks. Suddenly the ice breaks loose and the youth leaps to safety, but the older man hesitates and in that moment the gap widened too far for him to leap to shore. The lad shouts for the man to leap into the water and swim for shore, but the man was paralyzed by fear and indecision. The ice driftly slowly out into the dark, heaving wintry waters. When last seen, the man stood with arms outstretched, screaming for help, and drifting to certain death in the cold and darkness of night. He had perished a victim of indecision.

This is the moment to decide for Christ and the Kingdom. To remain on the sidelines of life is to court disaster. Before it is too late to make the leap of faith, and stand side by side with Christ. There is just 4 Sundays until Palm Sunday . . . make them count for the Lord.

Sunday's Sermon: "THE CROSSROADS OF DESTINY"

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Ralph Church, 5126 Werling Dr., Thursday evening, April 1, at 7:45. Program, Mrs. Ben G. Taylor; Worship, Mrs. Roy Beal.

The Group is reminded that this is the time to bring your blessing Box Offerings.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST!

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God"...

If the frequent use by our Lord of certain words means anything then the number of times He used the word, "first" surely is significant. Our Lord recognized that man is constantly faced with the necessity of making decisions - decisions as to what shall be given first place. Jesus was never one to speak in generalities, and throughout the Sermon on the Mount, he became almost painfully specific.

Let us see what advice our Lord has given us which will enable us to seek FIRST the kingdom of God: First, becoming a citizen of the Kingdom requires very definite steps. There can be no hesitation, no procrastination. Jesus made this very clear.

When our Lord told a certain man who had said, "Lord, I will follow Thee whethersoever thou goest" that He had no abiding place, the man slunk away. And when a certain man sent out invitations to a great banquet and all began to make excuses ...one, "I have bought a piece of ground", and another "I have bought a yoke of oxen", and still another, "I have married a wife". What foolish excuses men make when they are asked to become citizens of the Kingdom!

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ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service

Floyd E. Morrical

Ronald McVay

10:30 A.M. Service -

David A. Griggs

James H. Naile

DEACONS: Team # 3

Orie McDougle, Captain

8:30 A.M. Service

James Kirsch

Vernon Moore

Virgil Montgomery

Paul Wilcoxson

10:30 A.M. Service

Dr. James Ruble

Jefferson Young

Sidney Cowen

George Davis

Herman Weber

Leland Higgins

Paul Kenline

Orie McDougle

ALTERNATE DEACONS:

Donald Hogan

Romane Cole

William Franklin

James Heavin

Rufus Quinn

Thomas Thornbury

John Varner

DEACONESSES: March 28 - April 4

Mrs. L. M. Culbertson

Mrs. Rolland R. Ripple

HOSPITALITY - March

Mrs. William Crouse

COFFEE HOUR - March

Berean Class

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NOTE: Mrs. Gerry Bailey is a patie in Parkview Hospital, Room 205.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
March 21, 1965

| | Att | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 8 | .71 |
| Nursery | 17 | 1.79 |
| Kindergarten | 25 | 2.86 |
| Primary Dept. | 47 | 4.94 |
| Junior Department | 36 | 6.35 |
| Intermediate Department: | | |
| 7th Grade | 13 | 2.68 |
| 8th Grade | 13 | 1.05 |
| 9th Grade | 9 | .96 |
| High School Class | 35 | 5.26 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 1.50 |
| '58 Class | 29 | 12.00 |
| Berean Class | 16 | 7.35 |
| Come Double Class | 31 | 11.50 |
| Progressive Class | 31 | 16.80 |
| Friendly Class | 21 | 4.16 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 4.25 |
| Officers | 3 | |
| Totals | 344 | $84.16 |

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## COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class will have a Bowling Party on Saturday, March 27, at Northcrest Alleys, at 7:45 P.M. Following the games the Class will meet at the home of Mr. & Mrs. C.R. Ludwig, 2722 Glencairn.

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Second, to become citizens of the Kingdom, one must clean house. We say to our Lord, "Lord, here is the key to the front door of my heart and here is the key to the back door. Here is the garage key. But I will keep the keys to my safe and my safety-deposit box." But our Lord replies, "I will be Lord of all, or I will not be Lord at all."

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The doctrine of the cross is not a formula for the mind, but a principle of life.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Each year during the week prior to Easter Sunday, our Church sponsors a - "CHAIN OF PRAYER" in the Chapel. Beginning on Thursday evening, April 15 at 9:00 PM, the "CHAIN OF PRAYER will continue until 6:00 AM, Sunday, April 18.

The period from Thursday night until Sunday morning is divided into 30 minute periods for a total of 114 sessions. The leadership of the Church assumes the first segments of the prayer period, suggesting that the Church Membership follow through by filling the remainder.

This year the "CHAIN OF PRAYER" is being sponsored by the Membership Development Department, headed by Mr. Ralph Church. One of the members of that department will be on duty with the chart at the Fellowship Hour following Worship. You may be able to come by the Church during the week and assume a prayer period. Do so early. We are asking that each person take only one period at this time. It may be necessary later to assume more than one, but at the beginning more people will have a wider choice. Please write your name and telephone number in the space.

Remember: Pastor's Class on Church membership, Saturday, 10:00 A.M. and Junior Worship during the Second Worship Service (10:30 AM.) in the Church Parlor.

John W. Williams,
Associate Minister

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Without Easter, neither Christmas nor Good Friday would have significance.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1965

8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - Worship

9:35 to 10:25 - Church School
(Nursery - For All Service - Infants & Children through 5 years)

YOUNG WORSHIPPERS LEAGUE
(Primary Workshop) - 10:30 A.M.

JUNIOR CHURCH - Church Parlor
Every Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday & Thursday - 7:00 P.M.

SANCTUARY CHOIR - 7:30 P.M.
Every Thursday Evening

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR - 6:15 to 7:15
Every Thursday Evening

JUNIOR CHOIR - 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.
Every Sunday Evening
(3rd to 6th Grades)

BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM

CHI RHO - Sunday Evening - 5:00 PM

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING
Bible Study - 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Snack Time & Fellowship 6:00 PM

March 21, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 410 |
| Church School Attendance | 344 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1300.82 |
| Church School Offering | 84.16 |
| U.C.F.A. | 18.00 |
| Week of Compassion | 7.00 |
| Parking Lot | 1.00 |
| | $ 1410.98 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
TO
THE BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 59,509.65

U.C.F.A. BALANCE 53,873.17

JOHNSON BIBLE COLLEGE CHOIR will present a musical program on Palm Sunday evening, April 11. We shall need from 20 to 30 rooms to house the group on Sunday evening, with breakfast Monday morning before they leave. We have 8 rooms to date! Please call the office if you would like to host a couple or more young people.

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AMONG OUR SICK!

Mrs. Robert Perkins has been a patient at Lutheran Hospital, 204 Moellering Unit.

Master Jimmy Taylor is a patient at Lutheran Hospital on West Fourth.

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IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. A.O. Schell and her family in the recent loss of her brother, Ralph Eubank, who passed away last Saturday evening.




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## A PARABLE OF THE FUTURE LIFE

In the bottom of an old pond lived some grubs who could not understand why none of their group ever came back after crawling up the lily stems to the top of the water. They promised each other that the next one who was called to make the upward climb would return and tell what had happened to him. Soon one of them felt an urgent impulse to seek the surface; he rested himself on the top of a lily pad and went through a glorious transformation which made him a dragon fly with beautiful wings. In vain he tried to keep his promise. Flying back and forth over the pond, he peered down at his friends below. Then he realized that even if they could see him they would not recognize such a radiant creature as one of their number.

> The fact that we cannot see our friends or communicate with them after the transformation which we call death is no proof that they cease to exist.
>
> -- Walter Dudley Cavert

Sunday's Sermon: "GOD'S GLORIOUS GOSPEL"

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. W. J. Marks, 4705 Lafayette Espl., Tuesday, April 6, at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Lillian Scott; Worship, Mrs. W. H. Imbody.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs Charles Tharp, 3509 S. Harrison St., Tuesday, April 6, at 9:30 A.M. Program by Mrs. H. G. Helmuth; Worship by Mrs. Herbert Banet.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Ave., Wednesday, April 14, at 9:30 A.M. (Please note change in date) Program by Mrs. Melvin Foster; Worship by Mrs. H. P. Love.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. L. H. Higgins, 5010 Woodhurst, Wednesday April 7 at 1:30 PM. Program, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter; Worship by Mrs. Thomas Wunderlich.

All Groups are reminded to bring their Blessing Box Offerings to these meetings.

NOTE: Reminder - Rummage Sale coming soon.

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## AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Jack Sweeney is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 472, having undergone surgery on last Monday. Word comes that she is slowly improving.

Mrs. Robert Westfield is quite ill and is a patient in Parkview Hospital.

Jeffrey Olson has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

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## APPRECIATION

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Taylor, on behalf of Jimmy wish to thank every one who were so kind in send greetings and for all the prayers for Jimmy during his recent hospitalization.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving April 4, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service

Walter C. Birkhold
William H. Crouse

10:30 A.M. Service

John E. Merrill
Dr. Henry Lee Butler

DEACONS:

8:30 a.M. Service

Robert Hendricks
Robert Schubel
John F. Hechler
Edwin Hall

10:30 A.M. Service

D. Wayne Penny
Ted Bryan
Robert Rogers
Jack Sweeney
Cliff Travis
Robert Westerfield
Walter Williams
John Black - Captain

ALTERNATES:

Robert Perkins
Robert Ogles
A. E. Huddleston
Howard Howell
Edward Smith
Charles Speicher
Bruce Stone

DEACONESSES: April 4, 11

Mrs. L. M. Culbertson
Mrs. Rolland Ripple

HOSPITALITY - April

Mrs. Robert Clipp

COFFEE HOUR - April

Come Double Class

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A Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and several Bibles were given to the Church from the estate of Mrs. Cornelia Betz.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
March 28, 1965

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| abes & Toddlers | 9 | .96 |
| ursery | 14 | 1.66 |
| indergarten | 26 | 2.87 |
| rimary Dept. | 44 | 3.26 |
| nior Department | 33 | 8.44 |
| ntermediate Dept: | | |
| 7th Grade | 11 | 1.55 |
| 8th Grade | 11 | 2.18 |
| 9th Grade | 9 | 1.03 |
| igh School Class | 29 | 4.90 |
| oung Adults | 3 | 2.10 |
| 58 Class | 25 | 17.25 |
| erean Class | 16 | 8.25 |
| ome Double Class | 31 | 9.50 |
| rogressive Class | 32 | 19.00 |
| riendly Class | 23 | 5.35 |
| en's Class | 10 | 6.50 |
| fficers | 3 | |
| Totals | 329 | $94.80 |

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## SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

We urge all to attend the closing session of the School For Christian Living this Sunday night. Once again we will enjoy a Carry-In during the snack time. We suggest the members whose names begin with A to J bring meat loaf; from K to R bring a vegetable or salad; from S thru Z bring a dessert. We again urge all to bring generous portions so that we will have sufficient food for all. Thank you all for your splendid cooperation during this season.

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LILIES + LILIES + LILIES ! We shall need them to help beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Question -call Office!

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## CHOIR CHORDS

Singers are urgently needed in the adult Choir at this season of Easter. Please, if you can sing, attend the rehearsals on Thursday evenings, 7:30. Thank you

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

This coming Sunday, April 4, is the concluding session of the current series of Church School study, "Revive Thy Church Beginning With Me". If we never gain another thing from this study, may it be the lesson summed up in these words: "...unless there is spiritual awakening on a large scale, mankind may be doomed; and that unless this awakening begins in the Church, it will never reach the world. PEOPLE LIKE US MAKE A CHURCH LIKE OURS, AND A CHURCH LIKE OURS FAILS A WORLD LIKE OURS."

Pastor's Class on Church Membership will continue the next three Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM. We have had a wonderful group of young people who are interested in learning more about following Jesus and serving Him through the Church.

Last Sunday we had our first experience with Junior Church and we were pleased with the response of all those who attended. If your child is in the 4th, 5th, or 6th grades and is interested, we would enjoy having him in the Junior Worship in the Church Parlor during the 10:30-11:30 AM Worship.

THERE WILL BE NO JUNIOR CHURCH ON PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER.

There are still 87 vacant half-hour periods left on the Prayer Schedule. Your own life will be enriched by your participation in this spiritual feast. The schedule is located on the bulletin board by the water fountain in the social hall.

See you Sunday in Church and Church School.

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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR
### SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965

8:30 A.M. 7 10:30 A.M. - Worship
9:35 to 10:25 - Church School
(Nursery - For All Services - Infants & Children through 5 years.)
YOUNG WORSHIPPERS LEAGUE
(Primary Workshop) - 10:30 A.M.
JUNIOR WORSHIP - Church Parlor
Every Sunday at 10:30 A.M.
VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday & Thursday - 7:00 P.M.
SANCTUARY CHOIR - 7:30 P.M.
Every Thursday Evening
HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR - 6:15 to 7:15
Every Thursday Evening
JUNIOR CHOIR - 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.
Every Sunday Evening
(3rd to 6th Grades)
BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM
CHI RHO - Sunday Evening - 5:00 PM
SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING
Carry-in dinner at 6:00 PM
Bible Study - 5:00 to 6:00 PM

March 28, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 477 |
| Church School Attendance | 329 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1395.96 |
| Church School Offering | 94.80 |
| Building Fund Offering | 4.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 20.20 |
| 30 Pieces of Silver | 4.35 |
| | $ 1519.31 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
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THE BUILDING FUND
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BALANCE NOW DUE $ 59,509.65

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 53,873.17

JOHNSON BIBLE COLLEGE CHOIR, a 36 Voice Choir under the direction of Professor Clark Rowland, will present a musical program, "Service in Song" Palm Sunday evening, April 11, at 7:30 P.M. in the Church Sanctuary. All of these young people are studying for a life of Christian service, and many are Ministerial students.

Among some of the numbers they will sing are: an anthem from the "The Nativity"; Mr. O'Hara's "I Walked To-Day Where Jesus Walked"; The Lord Is My Captain"; and other numbers of which two are the Spirituals, "Were You There", and "Balm In Gilead".

You will want to hear this presentation of beautiful hymns and anthems on Palm Sunday evening, 7:30.

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

At First Christian Church - From 12 Noon to 3:00 PM. Bro. John Williams will speak on "The First Word"




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"THE TRUE GIFT"

"I gave a beggar from my scanty store
Of hard-earned gold, He spent the shining ore
And came again, and yet again, still cold
And hungry, as before.

I gave the Christ, and through that Christ of mine
He found himself, a man, supreme, divine,
Fed, clothed, and crowned with blessings manifold,
And now he begs no more."

--Author Unknown

Judas, whose name is etched in our common humanity as the most despicable of all men, betrayed God, and sold the Saviour, for money! In our day and time, it would appear, we still are trying to buy peace and prosperity with money. It will be no different for us than it was for Judas - and the Son of God predicted that it would have been better for Judas if he had never been born! This coming Sunday we will be receiving the special offering called, "THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER". Judas sold his soul and purchased hell for "thirty pieces of silver". It is our symbolic gesture of redeeming men's spiritual nature by bringing "thirty pieces of s silver" as our love offering in acknowledgement of our faith in Jesus as Son of God, and Saviour of men. What amount? Some ought to bring 30 dimes, others dollars, etc. Let your ability to share in Christ's passion and His purposes be your guide.

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The ESTHER Group will meet with Mrs. Martin Wagner, 521 E. Masterson, Wednesday, April 14, at 6:30 PM. Program Mrs. Albert Egly; Worship, Mrs. G.C. Cahow.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Paul Kenline, 3131 Maple Lane, Mon day, April 12, at 8 P.M. Program, Miss Mildred Hutchinson; Worship, Miss Anita Fitch.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. James Ruble, 7615 Breckenwood Tuesday, April 13, at 8 PM. Co-hostess, Mrs. Kenneth Hunt; Program, Mrs. Harold Nordblom; Worship Mrs. Geo. Wascovich. The Group will have a "Next to New" Silent Auction. Members are asked to bring guests.

The NELSON Group will meet withMrs. Phillip Uhl, 816 Kinnaird, Wednesday April 14, 8 PM. Program, Mrs. Garland Morrolf; Worship, Miss Ruth Yost.

All groups are reminded to bring their Blessing Boxes to the April meetings.

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THANK YOU! - Mrs. Robert Perkins wishes to thank everyone for the cards and their many kindnesses shown her and her family during her recent hospitalization. It was greatly appreciated.

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## AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Dempsey Weaver was a patient in Parkview, Room 445,

Mrs. Norma Miller-Chaney, who was a member until she moved away from the city, is now a patient at Lutheran Hospital. Room 321.

## STORK NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Smith are the proud parents of a fine boy born to them on March 31 at Lutheran Hospital. Mr. & Mrs. Arza Smith are the grandparents.

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving April 11, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service

J.E. Weicker
Alfred Schell

10:30 A.M. Service

Earl A. Plummer
William Caldwell

DEACONS:

8:30 A.M. Service

Robert Hendricks
Robert Schubel
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Come Double Class

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NOTE: Mr. Charles Fuchshuber's mother, Mrs. Isabelle Nelson, is a patient in the Parnell Nursing Home.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

April 4, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
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| abes & Toddlers | 13 | .59 |
| lursery | 17 | 1.18 |
| indergarten | 24 | 5.07 |
| rimary Dept. | 43 | -- |
| unior Department | 33 | 7.95 |
| ntermediate Department: | | |
| 7th Grade | 10 | 1.32 |
| 8th Grade | 12 | 2.53 |
| 9th Grade | 7 | .37 |
| ligh School Class | 28 | 2.85 |
| oung Adults | 3 | 1.10 |
| 58 Class | 30 | 13.50 |
| erean Class | 16 | 8.00 |
| ome Double Class | 27 | 9.00 |
| rogressive Class | 47 | 23.80 |
| riendly Class | 20 | 4.10 |
| len's Class | 9 | 4.00 |
| fficers | 3 | |
| Totals | 342 | $89.61 |

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## E A S T E R

### CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS

| lass | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| len's Class | 15 | $ 50.00 |
| riendly Class | 300 | 40.00 |
| rogressive Class | 60 | 150.00 |
| erean Class | 50 | 100.00 |
| ome-Double Class | 50 | 100.00 |
| ligh School Class | 35 | 20.00 |
| 58 Class | 50 | 75.00 |
| oung Adults | 10 | 10.00 |
| unior High Dept. | 40 | 10.00 |
| unior Department | 50 | 35.00 |
| rimary Dept. | 55 | 25.00 |
| indergarten | 40 | 10.00 |
| lursery | 25 | 10.00 |
| abes & Toddlers | 20 | 2.00 |

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NOTE: Mrs. Henry Schryver will en- er Lutheran Hospital Thursday of this veek for surgery.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

There are only thirty-five half-hour periods left on the Chain of Prayer. If you are one of the fortunate ones, you will have the privilege of selecting one of the remaining spaces on the chart. If you do not, it will be your loss. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and it will be completed that day. The chart is in the Social Hall by the water fountain. Please give your phone number, too.

Our Junior Church is two weeks old and we feel that our young worshippers are making progress. It is a joy to have other adults sitting in with us during the worship. They render valuable assistance which is appreciated very much. PLEASE REMEMBER that the Junior Church will be meeting with the adult worshippers for the next two Sundays. Junior Church will resume the Sunday following Easter.

Eleven young people have been attending the Saturday Morning Pastor's Class for those considering Church Membership. These classes will continue for the next two Saturdays. No effort is being made to persuade these young people to make their confession of faith and to be baptized. Decision to follow Christ is a personal choice and they must make it themselves. We appreciate the opportunity to supply them with understanding and information that will make discipleship meaningful to them. LET'S GET OUR CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE UP! Take up the slack. Be a "BACKER" not a "SLACKER" in your class. See you at 9:30 AM. each Sunday. Bring the entire family.

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Every Sunday Evening
BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM
CHI RHO - Sunday Evening - 5:00 PM

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LILIES + LILIES + LILIES! Bring your lily plant to the church on Saturday, and let it beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Question - call Office!

(From Page -1-)

The poem above reminds us that the greatest gift we can bring to men is the gift of Christ Himself. If you can share Him with others they will be blessed now and forever more.

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

At First Christian Church - from 12 Noon to 3 P.M. Bro. John Williams will speak on "The First Word" Bro. George Wascovich will speak on "The Seventh Word"

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April 4, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 452 |
| Church School Attendance | 342 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 2192.40 |
| Church School Offering | 89.61 |
| Building Fund Offering | 82.55 |
| U.C.F.A. | 24.70 |
| 30 Pieces of Silver | 24.10 |
| | $ 2413.66 |

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U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 53,123.17

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* YOUNG WORSHIPPERS LEAGUE and JUNIOR WORSHIP will not meet on Palm Sunday and Easter. The youth are urged to attend the services in the Sanctuary.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## "IT IS MORNING"

Easter proclaims the fact that the night of death has been defeated by the morning light of the rising Christ! It is morning! Indeed it is! The words of the beloved hymn of our faith tells of the glory of Easter morn:

"Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons of men and angels say:
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell!
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ hath opened Paradise!

Live again our glorious King:
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once He died, our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O Grave?

-- Charles Wesley

Let us rejoice with the great Apostle Paul, "Thanks be unto God, He hath given us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

The Easter Sermon: "CHRIST, OUR CONTEMPORARY COMPANION"

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The general meeting of CWF will be Tuesday evening, April 20 at 8:00. Program & Worship, "The Modern Crucifixion" will be presented by the Nelson Group; Hospitality, Montgomery Group; Refreshments will be served by the Kepple Group. Dedication of the Blessing Box Offerings.

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CHI RHO & CYF

On Sunday, April 25, at 5 PM in Fellowship Hall, the youth of Chi rho and CYF will hear Judge W. O. Hughes speak on "Discipline in Christianity". Parents and friends are invited to this meeting. Miss Mildred Hartman and Mr. Hugh D. Rice will forma panel. A question and answer period is being arranged. Feel free to bring questions. Following the program a buffet supper will be served.

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HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Our Sanctuary Choir is making a tape recording on Tuesday at WPTA which will be televized Good Friday at 12 N. on Channel 21.

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CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

Thursday evening, April 15, 7:30. The Choir will sing the anthem:"Go To Dark Gethsemane". The Hambidge Trio will sing, "The Old Rugged Cross"/

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PRAYER CHAIN

Our Chainof Prayer will begin immediately following the Thursday evening Candlelight service and continue until 6 AM Easter morning. If you have a prayer request please get it to the ministers or to the Church office.

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

12 Noon to 3:00 P.M. here at First Christian Church. Mrs. J. E. Weicker & Carl Smith are among the soloists.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving April 18, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

Hugh Rice
Robert Clipp

10:30 A.M. Service -

John Barbre
William Love

DEACONS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

Melvin Foster
Garland Morrolf
Carl D. Linn
F. Wayne Rousseau

10:30 Service -

Ben G. Taylor
Donald C. Smith
William J. Lehman
Cecil Beck
Delman Young
Charles Ludwig
Herdis Helmuth
Robert Urich, Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS:

Homer Stevenson
Walter Keebortz
Dempsey Weaver
Andrew Cook
John M. Peterson
Lawrence Horn
Hendricks Love
Hugh Bassett

DEACONESSES: April 15 (Thursday)
April 18, 25.

Mrs. W. J. Williams
Mrs. Harold Nordblom

HOSPITALITY - April
Mrs. Robert Clipp

COFFEE HOUR - April
Come Double Class

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The First Word by Brother John William the Seventh Word by Bro. George Wascovich.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
April 11, 1965

| | Att | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 15 | .65 |
| Nursery | 14 | 1.53 |
| Kindergarten | 22 | 3.07 |
| Primary Dept. | 5 | 4.94 |
| Junior Department | 38 | 7.40 |
| Intermediate Dept: | | |
| 7th Grade | 14 | 2.62 |
| 8th Grade | 14 | 2.50 |
| 9th Grade | 10 | .52 |
| High School Class | 32 | 5.20 |
| Young Adults | -- | -- |
| '58 Class | 32 | 19.75 |
| Berean Class | 16 | 7.50 |
| Come Double Class | 27 | 8.20 |
| Progressive Class | 33 | 19.75 |
| Friendly Class | 21 | 4.75 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 6.75 |
| Officers | 3 | |
| Totals | 350 | $ 97.98 |

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## E A S T E R
## CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS

| ~~Class~~ | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Men's Class | 15 | 50.00 |
| Friendly Class | 30 | 40.00 |
| Progressive Class | 60 | 150.00 |
| Berean Class | 50 | 100.00 |
| Come-Double Class | 50 | 100.00 |
| High School Class | 35 | 20.00 |
| '58 Class | 50 | 75.00 |
| Young Adults | 10 | 10.00 |
| Junior High Dept. | 40 | 10.00 |
| Junior Department | 50 | 35.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 55 | 25.00 |
| Kindergarten | 40 | 10.00 |
| Nursery | 25 | 10.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 20 | 2.00 |

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RUMMAGE SALE - C.W.F. April 23rd and 24th.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

The Chain of Prayer is completely filled. There are no spaces left. Those who signed up early are the fortunate ones. Those who came late and did not get a space are the losers. Let's hope they will be the first in line next year. PLEASE BE SURE to call the second person listed under your name on the schedule. That person will relieve the one who comes to relieve you. If each person does this, the chain of Prayer will be unbroken.

The final class session of the Pastor's Class on Church Membership will be held this Saturday morning, April 17 at 10:00 A.M. Those who make "the Good Confession" of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour will be baptized at 4:00 P.M. Sunday, April 18. Communion willbe served to them following their baptism.

Services for the Junior Church, 4th, 6th, & 6th Grades, will resume April 25th during the 10:30 Worship Hour. This group meets in the Church Parlor. All who attend are urged to bring their Bibles and an offering.

REMEMBER the next "Each One Bring One" Sunday is May 9. You are urged to invite and bring a friend or a neighbor with you to Church School. Don't be the only one who doesn't bring one! You'll feel lonesome if you don't bring a visitor with you!

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

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CAMP & CONFERENCE Blanks are in the Office. See Brother John or the Church Secretary for information. The TIME IS NOW!

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9:35 to 10:25 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery: For all Services - Infants & Children through 5 years)
* YOUNG WORSHIPPERS LEAGUE (Primary Workshop) 10:30 A.M.
* JUNIOR WORSHIP - Church Parlor Every Sunday at 10:30 A.M.
VISITATION EVANGELISM Wednesday & Thursday - 7:00 PM
SANCTUARY CHOIR - 7:30 P.M. Every Thursday Evening
HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR 6:15 to 7:15 Every Thursday Evening
JUNIOR CHOIR - 5:00 to 6:00 PM Every Sunday Evening
BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM
CHI RHO - Sunday Evening - 5:00 PM

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*YOUNG WORSHIPPERS LEAGUE and JUNIOR WORSHIP will NOT meet on Easter Sunday Morning. The youth are urged to attend the Easter services

April 11, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 558 |
| Church School Attendance | 350 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1702.96 |
| Church School Offering | 97.98 |
| Building Fund Offering | 2.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 11.00 |
| 30 Pieces of Silver | 159.75 |
| | $ 1998.69 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION TO THE BUILDING FUND IS THE BALANCE NOW DUE $ 58,582.40

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 53,123.17

LILIES + LILIES + LILIES! Bring your lily plant to the church on Saturday th week, and let it beautify the Sanctuar on Easter Sunday morning.

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IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express sincere sympathy t Mrs. C.R.McMaken, Mr.& Mrs. Laur Coleman and family in the recent loss of husband and father.

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IN APPRECIATION: We wish to thank our friends in the church for the kindn shown us during the illness and death our loved one. Sincerely,

Mrs. Clinton R. McMaken
Mr.& Mrs. Laurence Coleman and Family.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Henry Schryver is a patient, roo 622, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Jack Sauerwein is a patient at Lu eran, Room 472.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 23 Fort Wayne, Indiana. April 22, 1965 30


## EASTER POWER FOR DAILY LIVING

The glory seen in the Easter faith is available to us all for our daily experience! Nearly 900 people came to worship the risen Lord of life! What an unforgettable experience it was to see the overcrowded sanctuary, the filled balcony, the narthex and the chapel being used to seat those touched by the grandeur of the Easter faith! The Church must labor in love to help the children of God know the power of Easter in their daily living. Thank God for days filled with His glory!

Lance Webb, in a recent book, begins by saying,

> "We all hunger for love. more eagerly than a blind man seeking for light, a drowning man for air, or a starving man for food; more ardently than a Christopher Columbus looking for a new route to the East; more yearningly than a homesick boy dreaming of home, we hunger and thirst for love - that sweet mystery of life than turns darkness into light and keeps the light from going out, that turns evil into good and keeps the good from spoiling.
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> There is one supreme good in human life - the ability to love and be loved."

Jesus has said, to be "in the kingdom of heaven" is to "love God supremely and your neighbor sincerely"! This in essence is the glory of Easter - we know that God does indeed love us, for Calvary and Easter tell us so!

Sunday's Sermon: "THE COLONY OF GOD"

NOTES: Mrs. Jack Sweeney wishes to take this means to say, "thank you" for the many prayers sent her way, for the lovely get wll cards and the visits during recent stay in the hospital.

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IN SYMPATHY - We wish to extend our sincere symmpathy to Mrs. Robin Miller and her family, in the recent loss of her mother.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Young Thomas Thornbury has been a patient on West 4th, Lutheran Hospital Also, Young David Davenport was a patient on West 4th, Lutheran Hospital.

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NOTES - On the evening of the Choir program, April 11, someone picked up Donna Walker's caserole by mistake. Please check with Donna if you discover you have her dish instead of yours. Thank You.

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JUST A REMINDER! The State Convention will be held in Marion, First Christian Church, April 29 - May2. Marion is just a nice drive from Fort Wayne, and we hope many of our people will attend at least some of the Saturday and Sunday sessions.

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THINK! A potato, though it has eyes cannot see. A cabbage, though it has a head, cannot think. Corn, though they are called ears, cannot hear.

Man has no need to be a cabbage head nor corny. He thinks and sees and he can reason. "Let us reason together says the Lord. Though sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow."

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In seeking happiness for others, you find it for yourself.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving April 25, 1965

ELDERS:

*8:30 A.M Service -

Richard Vanderwall
Myron Cole

10:30 A.M. Service -

J. Fred Smell
Charles Fuchshuber

DEACONS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

Melvin Foster
Garland Morrolf
Carl D. Linn
F. Wayne Rousseau

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Delmas Young
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Mrs. W. J. Williams
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Come Double Class

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Note: Camp & Conference DEADLINE May 2. Fee: Chi Rho - $8.50 CYF - $9.50.

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April 18, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 15 | $ 2.55 |
| Nursery | 20 | 3.14 |
| Kindergarten | 29 | 6.23 |
| Primary Dept. | 58 | 9.77 |
| Junior Dept. | 51 | 19.83 |
| Intermediate Dept. | | |
| 7th Grade | 19 | 10.33 |
| 8th Grade | 20 | 3.69 |
| 9th Grade | 13 | 3.55 |
| High School Class | 40 | 9.63 |
| Young Adults | 9 | 3.67 |
| '58 Class | 40 | 34.25 |
| Berean Class | 15 | 73.95 |
| Come Double Class | 44 | 54.00 |
| Progressive Class | 52 | 277.20 |
| Friendly Class | 24 | 40.00 |
| Men's Class | 12 | 50.50 |
| Officers | 3 | |
| Totasl | 465 | $ 621.07 |

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LOVE OF CHILDREN . . TIME ???

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Call Joyce Naile, Primary Supt. 747-3789

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S.O.S.

Members of the High School Class will go to the Shipshewana disaster area to assist in the clean-up program there, after the recent tornadoes. The young people are going on next Saturday, April 24, by private bus, and they will be properly supervised. They will be representing the First Christian Church Fort Wayne in this very worthwhile venture. James H. Naile, Teacher - Sponsor.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

JUNIOR CHURCH will continue meeting this coming Sunday in the Church Parlor. All young people who are in the 4th, 5th & 6th grades are invited to come and participate in worship that is fitted to their level. Remember, Junior Church meets only during the second service from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Chi Rho and CYF groups will be held this coming Sunday evening at 5:00 PM. Parents of Junior and High School age young people are urged to attend. The featured speaker will be the Hon. Judge Hughes of the Circuit Court. You will not want to miss this one!

ATTENTION! ALL YOUNG PEOPLE! Get your Camp and Conference application blanks from me or Mrs. Vaught immediately. All applications must be in the Church Office no later than May 2, 1965. May 3, will be too late! Take a look at the Camp and Conference schedule on the South Entrance bulletin Board to get an idea about what week you would like to go.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE APPROVED by the Christian Education department before being sent in to the State Office. Their decision will be final.

PASTOR'S CLASS ON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP has concluded and we want all books returned immediately before they get misplaced. See you in Church School.

John W. Williams
Associate Minister

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Every Sunday Evening
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The University of the People is the Sunday School. --David Lloyd George

April 18, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 8 |
| Church School Attendance | 4 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1879. |
| Church School Offering | 621( |
| Building Fund Offering | 5. |
| U.C.F.A. | 4. |
| 30 Pieces of Silver | 238. |
| Easter Offering | 202. |
| | $ 2951. |

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### CHI RHO & CYF

On Sunday, April 25, at 5 PM in Fel lowship Hall , the young people of C Rho and CYF will hear Judge W.O. Hughes speak on "Discipline in Chri tianity". Parents and friends are inv to this meeting. Miss Mildred Hartm and Mr. Hugh D. Rice will form a p A question and answer period is bein arranged. Feel free to bring questio Following the program a buffet supp will be served.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## THE PREDICAMENT OF THE CHURCHES

In his book, "God's Colony in Man's World, George W. Webber, writes the following:

> "A true church is an outpost of the kingdom of God, placed in a particular spot in the world to bear witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. A church is a mission living by the foolishness of God in a world that sometimes hates it, sometimes is indifferent, and sometimes seeks to take it captive. Any church that does not recognize the basic purpose for its existence is in jeopardy of its life. The predicament of the church in America is precisely that it does not recognize that it is in a missionary situation . . . We have forgotten that mission is the task of the church wherever it finds itself." ( p. 29)

As fire is known by burning, so the church is known in its witnessing life in the world. As one cannot hide a light in a darkened room, neither can the church hide the light of God in a darkened world. We have become enamored of many creeds, and failed our one Christ. We have become too busy to heed the admonition of God's Word, "Be STILL and know that I am God!" Wherever your tasks may take you this day, this week, or in days that are yet to be, you are God's ambassador, pleading with a perishing world to turn back to the light and love of God Have you made Him known to someone recently? Then do it today.

Sunday's Sermon: "YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD"

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

MCGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Hugh Rice, 7001 Premiere Dr., Tuesday, May 4, 1965 at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Chas. Dilts; Worship, Mrs. N. Long.

KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. H. C. Banet, 933 W. Oakdale, Tuesday, May 4, at 9:30 A.M. Program by Mrs. Robt. Ogles; Worship, Mrs. Stanley Cole.

SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. H. L. Weber, 8543 Fiesta Way, Wednesday, May 5, at 9:30 AM. Program, Mrs. H. Love; Worship, Mrs. Cecil Rice.

DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Thos. Wunderlich, 1725 St. Mary's Ave. Wednesday, May 5, at 1:30 PM. Program Mrs. W. C. Birkhold; Worship, Mrs. L. H Higgins.

HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Max Finkhousen, 4110 Lillie St, Thursday, May 6, at 7:45 PM. Program by Mrs. Helen Clymore, Worship, Mrs. Ben Taylor.

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## BOOKS - LOST! LOST! LOST!

From Children's Library the following books are missing: "A Friend Is Some one Who Likes You", "Contrary Woodrow", & "Very Little Girl" Check to see your child has one!

From Church Library the following books have been out a long time: "Heartbreak Street" Butters, "Prayer" Buttrick, "Beyond Cotabato" Spottswood, "Parents on The Run" Beecher, "God's Power Within" Adair, "The Ugly American" "Jacqueline Kennedy" Van Thayer, "The Greatest of These" Walker, "I Am Anthony: Stokes, "The Kingdom Beyond Caste" Pope, "Consider Miss Lily" Porter, "The Lady At Box 99" Rowles, "Beyond Ourselves" Marshall, "Let God In," Latham, "Walks Of Jesus" Lewis, "The World's Learning Compassion" Laubach, "The Pilgrim" Kunte, "A Guide To Understanding The Bible" Fosdick, "Don't Park Here", Fisher, "The Great Commitment" Cartwright, "Adventure In Tibet" Carey. Return to Church. Thank you!

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving May 2, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -
Richard Vanderwall
George Bruckman

10:30 A.M. Service
Bueford Tharp
Wm. Caldwell

DEACONS:

8:30 A.M. Service -
John Varner
Thomas Thornbury
Rufus Quinn
James Heavin

10:30 A.M. Service -
Romane Cole
Donald Hogan
James Kirsch
Vernon Moore
Virgil Montgomery
Paul Wilcoxson
Orie McDougle, Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS:
Paul Kenline
Leland Higgins
Herman Weber
George Davis
Sidney Cowen
Jefferson Young
Dr. James Ruble

DEACONESSES: May 2, 9, 16
Mrs. Max Finkhousen
Mrs. Wm. Caldwell

HOSPITALITY - May
Mrs. Glenn Miller

COFFEE HOUR - May
'58 Class

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April 25, 1965

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|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 6 | ,1.19 |
| Nursery | 17 | 1.75 |
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| Junior Dept. | 41 | 6.28 |
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NOTE: Those families whose addresses or telephone numbers have been changed in last three months, call Church Office. Thank you!

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Dear Christian Friends:

Sunday, May 9, is "EVERYONE-BRING-ONE-SUNDAY" in our Church School. This reminds me of a man who lived in a small town where I was a minister. This particular man wanted to be mayor of the town and ran for election. When all the votes were counted, he had only received one vote. It was assumed that his beloved wife had voted for him, but it couldn't be proved. The next time he came "down-town" he carried a double-barrelled shotgun across his shoulder. Hunting season being over, everyone wondered why he was carrying his shotgun. Jum Hester replied, "With no more friends than I have in Roanoke, I need it to protect myself!" IF YOU DON'T HAVE A FRIEND TO INVITE to Church School on May 9, friend, you need a shotgun to protect yourself. It's dangerous to live in a city where you can't claim a single friend to invite to share the experiences of the Church School Class and the Hour of Worship. Get the point? Now, go get that visitor!

MOTHER'S DAY WILL BE OBSERVED by recognizing the oldest, the youngest, the one with the most children present and the one who comes the greatest distance. What better way can you honor your Mother than by being in God's House, EVERY Lord's Day? The first commandment of God with a promise attached to it is, "Honor thy Father and thy Mother that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord, thy God giveth thee."

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JUNIOR CHOIR - 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Every Sunday Evening

BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM

CHI RHO - Sunday Evening - 5:00 PM

April 25, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 457 |
| Church School Attendance | 346 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1060.40 |
| Church School Offering | 100.00 |
| Building Fund Offering | 8 00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 8.00 |
| 30 Pieces of Silver | 5 20 |
| Easter Offering | 7.50 |
| | $ 1189.10 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
TO
THE BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 57,650.90

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 52,373.17

## COMING AUCTION

On Saturday, May 22, the ComeDouble Class is sponsoring a big tent auction here at the church. Run by a professional auctioneer and held in our parking lot under a big tent, it will attract bidders from all parts. They need good saleable items of antiques, furniture, appliances, dishes, linens, picture frames, pianos, bicycles, golf club books, etc. No clothing will be sold. What have you to contribute? Contact your friends and neighbors about donating some items and leave your name with the Church Office. The Auction Committee will then arrange with you for pick up. The class is going to raise this money for adoption of a Korean Orphan and the balance for landscaping our Church property! Look around while doing your Spring cleaning and then call!



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## "THE CHRISTIAN LIFE" .....

Dr. James S. Stewart, great Scot minister, has written concerning Deut. 33: 29, which reads: "Who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord?" His compelling words are:

> "Is there not something like the sound of a trumpet in that? How surely is a word of God to stir and thrill our hearts.
>
> For you see what it does. It takes religion, the life that is lived for God it takes (to bring this right without delay into the light of the Gospel revelation) the life of Christ, and it lifts it up before the eyes of the world, and cries, "There - can you beat that?" It takes a life which God has redeemed and blessed and regenerated, any such life - it matters not where it is found, whether in the courts of the house of the Lord, or in a garret in a slum - it takes that life, and holds it high, and challenges the world to produce anything like it." "Bring out your best," it dares the world, "bring out your very best and highest - and see how the Christ-redeemed life will dwarf it! For there, in the humblest soul on which God has set His seal, is something that you simply cannot achieve, cannot even touch and never shall!"

"Who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord?"

Sunday's Sermon: "YOU ARE GOD'S HOUSE"

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The ESTHER Group will meet with Mrs. C.D.Palmer, 2625 No. Wells St. Wednesday, May 12, at 6:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Palmer; Worship by Mrs. Albert Egly.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, 1301 Lynn Ave., Monday evening, May 10, at 8. Program, Mrs. Owen Vaught; Worship Mrs. Paul Kenline.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Rayl, 5109 Fernwood Co-hostess, Mrs. Richard Mills. They meet Tuesday, May 11 at 8 P.M. Program, Mrs. George Wascovich; Worship, Mrs. Richard Mills.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. John Williams, 4017 Indiana Ave Wednesday May 12, at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. James Cain; Worship, Mrs. Robert Perkins.

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NOTE: Mr. Ralph Weesner will enter St. Joseph's Hospital on Thursday for surgery on Friday morning of this week

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Rev. Samuel Joel Burgess who was the minister here some years ago has recent suffered a heart attack and is a patient in Veterans Hospital, Wing #1 North, Room 182. Tucson, Arizona.

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BOOKS - LOST from the Children's Church Library. Please check your children's books to see if you happen to have one of these:
"A Friend Is Someone Who Likes You"
"Contrary Woodrow"
"Very Little Girl"

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The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
Officers Serving May 9, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -
Rolland Ripple
Floyd Morrical

10:30 A.M. Service -
Ronald McVay
Bueford Tharp

DEACONS:

8:30 A.M. Service -
John Varner
Thomas Thornbury
Rufus Quinn
James Heavin

10:30 A.M. Service -
Romane Cole
Donald Hogan
James Kirsch
Vernon Moore
Virgil Montgomery
Paul Wilcoxson
Orie McDougle, Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS:

Paul Kenline
Leland Higgins
Herman Weber
George Davis
Sidney Cowen
Jefferson Young
Dr. James Ruble

DEACONESSES: May 9, 16
Mrs. Max Finkhousen
Mrs. Wm. Caldwell

HOSPITALITY - May
Mrs. Glenn Miller

COFFEE HOUR - May
'58 Class

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NOTE: Mrs. Robin Miller underwen surgery at Lutheran Hospital on Wednesday morning of this week. Rm.4

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
May 2, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 8 | .80 |
| Nursery | 18 | 1.77 |
| Kindergarten | 30 | 3.96 |
| Primary Dept. | 44 | 4.58 |
| Junior Dept. | 36 | 7.22 |
| Intermediate Dept. | | |
| 7th Grade | 9 | 1.00 |
| 8th Grade | 13 | 2.25 |
| 9th Grade | 10 | .69 |
| High School Class | 29 | 3.00 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 1.25 |
| '58 Class | 31 | 15.25 |
| Berean Class | 17 | 7.50 |
| Come Double Class | 28 | 8.50 |
| Progressive Class | 31 | 19.40 |
| Friendly Class | 24 | 4.51 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 5.00 |
| Officers | 1 | |
| Totals | 340 | $ 86.68 |

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BOOKS! The following books have been out of the Church Library for a long time and in order that others may have opportunity to read these books we ask that you return them to the Church. If you haven't finished reading them, please do so soon and then return them to the Library: "Heartbreak Street", "Prayer", "Beyond Cotabato", "Parents On The Run "God's Power Within", "The Ugly American" "Jacqueline Kennedy", "The Greatest of These", "I Am Anthony", "The Kingdom Beyond Caste", "Consider Miss Lily", "The Lady At Box 99", "Beyond Ourselves" "Let God In", "Walks With Jesus" "The World's Learning Compassion" "The Pilrim", "A Guide To Under= standing The Bible", "Don't Park Here", "The Great Commitment", "Adventure In Tibet".

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

This coming Sunday, May 9, 1965, is "EACH ONE BRING ONE"SUNDAY in our Church School. By each person bringing one with them, we will have the largest attendance we have ever had at First Christian. They won't come if they aren't invited. This is one way you can be a servant of Christ and your fellow man. Some one is just waiting for you to ask them to come to Church School with you. Do it now!

Also, we are going to recognize mothers in the second Worship Hour. A gift from the Church will be given to the youngest, the oldest, the one with the most children present and the mother who comes the greatest distance to be here. The greatest way you can honor your Mother is to live the life that God wants you to live.

CALLING ALL CYF'ERS! The District Youth meeting for this district is to be held at West Creighton Ave Christian Church on Sunday afternoon, May 16, The program will be built around what other churches believe and teach. Do you know what your Church teaches? Find out before you go to this meeting!

Junior Church continues to meet during the second Worship Hour in the Church Parlor. We appreciate the fine co-operation from Mrs. Geo. Davis who serves as our pianist.

See you in Church School Sunday at 9:35 A.M.

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Every Thursday Evening

JUNIOR CHOIR - 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.
, Every Sunday Evening

BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM

CHI RHO - Sunday Evening - 5:00 PM

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FOR THE AUCTION, MAY 22: Look around while doing your spring cleaning and call the Church Office as soon as possible!

May 2, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 467 |
| Church School Attendance | 340 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1636.91 |
| Church School Offering | 86.68 |
| Building Fund Offering | 51.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 14.00 |
| 30 Pieces of Silver | 5.20 |
| Easter Offering | 3.00 |
| | $ 1791.59 |

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TO
THE BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 57,650.90

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 52,373.17

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. John Clark has been in the hospital, but is now at home.

Miss Zada Gaskill, sister to Mrs. Wm. Lehman has been a patient at Parkview

James Buchanan is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 227.

Little Rebecca Travis has been in the Lutheran Hospital this last week.

Mrs. M. W. Drivers is ill at Lutheran.

Dr. Lee Butler has been ill at home.

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AUCTION, MAY 22

Sponsored by Come Double Class: Many interesting and useful items have been collected already for our big auction here on the Church grounds on May 22. HAve you called the church office yet about the things you want to donate to raise money for our church? If you have any items of particular value, special arrangements can be made by calling John Merrill, Lee Bragg, Red Howell or Bob Rayl.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## "WHEN RELIGION IS REAL . . ."

Robert Reynolds, in his book, "The Choice To Love", has written:

"We let ourselves be misled from what we know by words that sound big with authority. "Science says religion is superstition . . . Psychoanalysis says religion is an illusion, perhaps a neurosis . . . Economic determinism says religion is the opium of the people . . . "Modern sophistication idolizes this sort of authority, and simple people are sometimes embarrassed to confess in intellectual company that religion has been and is the deepest reality of their own lives. But of course it is not science or psychoanalysis or economics or any other abstraction that says religion is superstition, illusion, neurosis. Each time it is a man who says these things, just as Democritus said them among the Greeks, Lucretius said them among the Romans, a fool said them among the Hebrews, and Sartre is saying them among the existentialists. Men become devoted to their intellectual tools, just as they become fond of their hand tools. A primitive will caress his spear, and an intellectual will cherish the fabric of abstractions he has patiently raised up in his mind. But in our tools is not a good place to look for the living God; we will find our vanity there, not Him. Some of our tools are so pretty that they tempt us to mistake ourselves for God."

The simplest form and first motion of religion is that a man shall confide his heart to God. In the Divine-human encounter men may come to know God, not by abstract reasonings, but in a joyous venture of friendship.

Sunday's Sermon : "YOU ARE GOD'S TEMPLE"

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MAY BREAKFAST

Tuesday morning, May 18 at 9:30. Dye and Spice Groups are in charge of the breakfast. Phone your reservations to Mrs. Wm. Crouse, or Mrs. William Ganter. Guests are invited, so bring your friends.

Worship by members of the Worship Committee. Hospitality by Esther Group

Program: Mrs. George W. Gill of Indianapolis is to be our guest speaker. Her message, "The Joy of Christian Service." Mrs. Gill was president of the recent State Convention held at Marion. She had the honor of being the first woman in the State to be elected to this office. She has served as State CWF President, and is a member of several state committees. She is an able speaker. Come hear her, you will be charmed.

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The second SABIN ORAL POLIO VACCINE program will be on June 6th. This second round will complete the polio series. We are all urged to get this second dose of vaccine. By so doing we can help eliminate polio from our community. Please see to it that you and your family take this second booster dose.

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"REVIVE THY CHURCH, BEGINNING WITH ME" We have seven (7) copies of this very fine book on hand in the office. They sell for $1.75. First come first served. Get your copy Sunday!

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NOTE: Our pastor, Bro. George was ill at home for most of last week. Altho he is now feeling somewhat better, we covet your prayers for his complete recovery.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving May 16, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -
James H. Naile
Rolland Ripple

10:30 A.M. Service -
William H. Crouse
David Griggs

DEACONS:

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Robert Hendricks
Robert Schubel
John F. Hechler
Edwin Hall

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Ted Bryan
Robert Rogers
Jack Sweeney
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Howard Howell
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Charles Speicher
Bruce Stone

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Mrs. Max Finkhousen
Mrs. Wm. Caldwell

HOSPITALITY _ May
Mrs. Glenn Miller

COFFEE HOUR - May
'58 Class

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NOTE: Mr. Elmer Darwachter has been a patient at Veterans Hospital for the past week.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
May 9, 1965

| | Att | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 14 | 1.30 |
| Nursery | 17 | 1.79 |
| Kindergarten | 25 | 3.41 |
| Primary Dept. | 33 | 3.10 |
| Junior Dept. | 35 | 6.36 |
| Intermediate Dept. | | |
| 7th Grade | 10 | 1.70 |
| 8th Grade | 15 | 2.20 |
| 9th Grade | 10 | .75 |
| High School Class | 27 | 3.00 |
| Young Adults | 4 | 2.20 |
| '58 Class | 26 | 12.50 |
| Berean Class | 11 | 4.75 |
| Come Double Class | 25 | 9.00 |
| Progressive Class | 30 | 19.65 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 3.64 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 4.00 |
| Officers | 2 | |
| Totals | 311 | $ 79.35 |

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DR. FRANK C. LAUBACH, noted speaker, will be guest at Trinity English Lutheran Church. Wayne & Ewing Sts., on Thursday evening, May 20, at 8:00 o'clock. Dr. Laubach is celebrating his eighieth birthday this year. He and his colleagues are credited with teaching over sixty million people to read with his unique method of "Each One Teach One". His topic on May 20 will be "The Christian Answer to The World Situation." Members of this church and friends are cordially invited to hear Dr. Laubach, and to remain for the reception that follows the program.

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Teaching is not a flow of words, nor the draining of an hour glass, but an effectual procuring that a man comes to know something he knew not before or to know it better. -R. South

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

In your own backyard there are many wonderful opportunities awaiting you. They are there waiting to be discovered. Opportunities don't have that knack of jumping out at you. You must hunt for them, but hunt them in the areas near at hand.

Dr. Russell H. Conwell, a famous Philadelphia Preacher wrote a lecture called "ACRES OF DIAMONDS" which he gave over six thousand times. It was also published in book form. It is said that he earned over eight million dollars with this lecture. He used the money to educate worthy young people at Temple University which he founded.

In his lecture, he tells the story of a man who traveled all over the world in search of diamonds, only to return home and find a back yard full of them. The important lesson that we gain from this lecture is that the grass in our own backyard can be greener than the grass on the other side of the fence.

Diamonds in the rough are not attractive. Perhaps we learn another lesson, and that is to do the job that is near at hand. Too often we speak of some remote need that exists on the other side of the world, not realizing, though, that we are calling attention to some isolated situation to divert attention from our own arena of action. We say, "If only I, like the Apostle Paul, had a vision to go to Macedonia, I, too, would be a better Christian."

Let's polish diamonds in our own back yard! Begin by bringing the family to Church School next Sunday at 9:35 AM

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CHI RHO - Sunday Evening - 5:00 PM

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This cold world needs warmhearted Christians!

May 9, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 524 |
| Church School Attendance | 31[illegible] |
| Regular Church Offering | 1451.2[illegible] |
| Church School Offering | 79.3[illegible] |
| Building Fund Offering | 5.0[illegible] |
| U.C.F.A. | 25.0[illegible] |
| | $ 1560.5[illegible] |

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IN APPRECIATION: Claire Schryve[illegible] wishes to take this means to thank al[illegible] her friends for the cards, visits to th[illegible] hospital and her home, for prayers a[illegible] the many other kindnesses shown to [illegible] and her family during her recent hos[illegible] italization.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

NEW MEMBERS - We have had a number of fine people unite with our Church during the past several weeks, They are: George & Dawn Warren; Mrs. Roger (Susie Q Parkerson; Mrs. Ruth Steele, William and Margaret Kintzel; Margaret (Penny) Stennett; Donald & Sharon Morgan; Rex & Adelee Clifton; Kenneth & Ann Gould. We are indeed fortunate that God has led these families to unite with this Church family and we cordially welcome them into our fellowship.

CHILDREN FROM THE PASTOR'S CLASS who have committed their lives to Jesus Christ, and were baptized on Easter Sunday are: Brian Scott Rayl, Scott E. Schubel, Laura and Julie Kriescher, Steven Kreischer, Barbara Love, Mary Ann Jenkins, Debbie Gumpp, Ken Gould, Jr., Jim Duncan and Kathy Bryan. We are indeed happy to welcome these young people into the fellowship of our Church.

## A U C T I O N !

An auction sponsored by the COME DOUBLE CLASS will be held on the Church grounds, Saturday, May 22, beginning at 10:00 A.M. All types of articles will be auctioned off. The Public is invited. The proceeds from the sale will be used for the support of a Korean Orphan, and for new equipment for the Church.

Sunday's Sermon: "YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST"

## THE PREACHER NOBODY WANTED.

A congregation was looking for a new preacher. A number of preachers had offered their services but had been turned down for one reason or another. One Board member decided it was time for a bit of soul searching on the part of the congregation. So he read a letter purporting to be from another preacher: "Dear Brethren:

I would like to work with you as your local preacher. I have many qualifications. I've had some success as a preacher and also a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer.

I am over 50 years of age. I have never preached in one place for more than three years. In some places I have left town after my work has caused riots and disturbances. I must admit I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing. My health is not too good, altho I am able to get a great deal done. The churches I have preached in have been small, although located in several large cities. I have not gotten along too well with religious leaders in towns where I have preached. In fact, some have threatened me and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records. I have forgetten some whom I have baptized. However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you."

The Board member looked over the congregation. "Well, what do you think? Shall we hire him?"

The good church folk were aghast. Hire an unhealthy, trouble-making absent-minded, ex-jailbird? Who signed that letter? Who had the colossal nerve? The member eyed them all keenly before he answered. "It's signed, the Apostle Paul."

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving May 23, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

Robert Rayl

J. E. Weicker

10:30 A.M. Service -

Alfred Schell

Earl Plummer

DEACONS:

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John F. Hechler

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DEACONESSES: May 23, 30, June 6

Mrs. Hugh Rice

Mrs. James Naile

HOSPITALITY - May

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'58 Class

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NOTE: Mrs. J. C. Gerrard's sister's husband, Dowell Mayhew, passed away several days ago, at his home in Medarville, Indiana.

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May 16, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 6 | .82 |
| Nursery | 19 | 1.95 |
| Kindergarten | 22 | 2.79 |
| Primary Dept. | 42 | 3.84 |
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| Totals | 325 | $92.43 |

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## 1965 GRADUATES

A note from the principal fo South Side High School informed us that two of our youth are graduating this year from that school, with honors: Both Margaret (Peggy) Love and Roger Swift achieved the 4-year Honor Roll and National Honor Society.

We read that Fred Warner is graduating from Elmhurst High School with highest honors. Shirley Naile is also graduating from Elmhurst and attained National Honor Society.

We congratulate these fine young people and may God's blessings enrich their lives.

We are sure there are other young people in the Church graduating this year and we would be happy to list their names and accomplishments. Take a moment to call in this information to the Church Office.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Vacation Bible School time will soon be here, and our teachers are hard at work preparing to make this the best that we have ever had. Let me give you the dates. The morning sessions for children through the 6th grade will be held June 14-18 and 21-25 from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. Nursery facilities will be open only for those children whose mothers are assisting in the Vacation Bible School.

There will be evening sessions from 5:30 to 7:30 on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. The first of these sessions will be held on June 13, and will be for Chi Rho and CYF young people. Those who participated last year received a great thrill from their experiences.

Advance registration will take place after the second Worship Hour in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, June 6 & 13. You are urged to get your child registered early. The registration fee is $1.50 per child. Mrs. Hendricks Love will be in charge of the advance registrations.

The reason we are giving you this information so early is that we can't emphasize enough the importance of your child being enrolled. If your child attends each session, he will be exposed to as much teaching as he would in a half-year of attendance in Sunday Bible School.

Make this a must for your child! You can't afford to let him miss these wonderful spiritual opportunities for growth in the Christian Life. See you Sunday in the Church School and Worship Hour.

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Award Program for the Chi Rho Youth and their parents and interested Church friends. Highlights of the program will be a Chi Rho-led worship period; the year's reminiscing by Chi Rho youth, presentation of merit awards, and a concert by the Southmoor P.T.A. Chorus. Refreshments will be served. The Nursery will be available.




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## CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BUILDING

Christian Theological Seminary, one of the seminaries of our Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), is in the process of building its new campus in the 1000 block of West 42nd Street in Indianapolis and hopes to have it completed this Fall.

When finished, the building will house 12 seminar rooms, 5 lecture halls, an auditorium to seat 423 persons, a communications center, a dining area to accommodate 200 students, a board room, student lounge and recreation area, and faculty and administrative offices.

The Seminary has set aside 5 acres of the 36 acre campus on a bluff overlooking White River for a proposed Indiana Inter-Church Center.

Preliminary plans are being drawn for a 20 unit apartment-dormitory to be completed in June of next year. It will cost an estimated $282,000, and financing plans call for the dormitory to pay for itself as it is used. Scheduled for construction in 1969 are a chapel to seat 600 persons and a 200,000 volume library.

The Christian Churches of Indiana have pledged $1,239,000 from its United Capital Funds Appeal in order that it might become a vital tool in the education of our ministry. Our church accepted a three-year goal of $58,500 toward the United Capital Funds Appeal and, as of December 31, 1964, we had paid $3,298.83. Several other aspects of our Brotherhood life, in addition to the new Seminary buildings, rests upon our completing our goal. Your sharing in this great venture of Christian faith is desperately needed!

Sunday's Sermon: "THE MASTER DESIRE"

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

On June 6 and June 13, a pre-registration will be held for Vacation Church School in fellowship hall following the second Worship service. Fee-$1.50 per child.

A container will be in each Adult Sunday School class on these two Sundays for donations to the refreshment fund for Vacation Church School.

DATES: June 14 thru June 25, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 to 11:30 AM. Beginners thru 6th Grade. Junior High and High School, June 13 thru June 24, 7 - 9:30 PM. Sundays, Tuesdays & Thursday. A Nursery will be maintained for the children of the teachers only.

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## STORK NEWS

A little girl was born to Mr. & Mrs. Herman Rorick on May 19th. Mrs. Ethel Richhart is the proud grandmother.

Rodney Elsworth was born to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schubel on May 20th. The best of good wishes to these fine families.

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## AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Grace Harris is a patient in Rm 435, Parkview Hospital.

Elmer Darwachter underwent surgery at Veterans Hospital this past week.

Mrs. Irene is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 202.

Ward Bundy is in Room 215, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Robert Schubel is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

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## IN SYMPATHY

Mrs. Josiah Siples (Edith) passed away last Sunday night. She was a loyal and faithful member of this church for many years. She has been an invalid and shut-in for some time. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving May 30, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -
William Caldwell
Hugh Rice

10:30 A.M. Service -
Robert Clipp
John Barbre

DEACONS:

8:30 A.M. Service -
Melvin Foster
Garland Morrolf
Carl D. Linn
F. Wayne Rousseau

10:30 A.M. Service -
Ben G. Taylor
Donald C. Smith
William J. Lehman
Cecil Beck
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Herdis Helmuth
Robert Urich - Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS
Homer Stevenson
Walter Keebortz
Dempsey Weaver
Andrew Cook
John M. Peterson
Lawrence Horn
Hendricks Love
Hugh Bassett

DEACONESSES: May 30, June 6
Mrs. Hugh Rice - Mrs. James Naile

HOSPITALITY - May
Mrs. Glenn Miller

COFFEE HOUR - May
'58 Class

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IN SYMPATHY - We express sincere sympathy to Mrs. Esther Whitton in the recent death of her father, who passed away last week.

## GOALS

Children"s Day Offering
For World Missions
June 6, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Men's Class | $ 25.00 |
| Friendly Class | 40.00 |
| Progressive Class | 75.00 |
| Berean Class | 60.00 |
| Come Double Class | 75.00 |
| '58 Class | 60.00 |
| Young Adults | 8.00 |
| High School Class | 20.00 |
| Junior High Dept. | 20.00 |
| Junior Department | 30.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 10.00 |
| Kindergarten | 7.00 |
| Nursery Dept. | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 2.00 |

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## PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

This Class will hold their picnic in Shoaff Park Pavilion on Sunday, June 6, at 4 P.M. Come and fellowship with us. Bring a covered dish and your table service.

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## AUCTION

Everyone had a good time at the auction last Saturday. Besides the fellowship, a good sum of money was made by the Come Double Class which will be reported as soon as all the bills are in. It looks like they will have sufficient for their Korean Orphan adoption project and several hundred additional for landscaping the church grounds.

Thanks to all of the members who contributed, or consigned articles for auction and those who attended.

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GRADUATES - David Williams is graduating from Elmhurst High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

You will want to be in the Worship Hour this coming Sunday, May 30th, when the children from the Junior Church Choir join with the Adult Choirs for the special music. Because about two-thirds of our Junior Church are in the Choir, we won't be having Junior Church.

Please remember that June 6th is CHILDREN'S DAY and PENTECOST SUNDAY. It is significant that these two should come on the same Sunday. CHILDREN'S DAY is a special missionary offering Sunday that was begun by children for the purpose of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with other children around the world. It has become one of the major missionary days.

PENTECOST is the day we celebrate the birthday of the Church. It was on that day nearly 2,000 years ago that God's Spirit was poured out upon the followers of Christ. The first message of the gospel was proclaimed. The first response to that message were added to the Church by God and they continued to grow. If that pattern of loyalty and faithfulness to the message and mission of the Church is duplicated today, God will send the same results. On this day, we remember the words of Jesus, "Let the little children come to me ... for the kingdom of God is made up of them," and the occurence of CHILDREN'S DAY and PENTECOST on the same Sunday has significance.

See you i n Church School and Worship Hour.

John W. Williams,
Associate Minister

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1965

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9:35 to 10:35 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants & Children through 5 years)
YOUNG WORSHIPPERS LEAGUE
* (Primary Workshop- 10:30 A.M.
JUNIOR WORSHIP - Church Parlor
Every Sunday at 10:30 A.M.
VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday & Thursday - 7:00 P.M.
SANCTUARY CHOIR - 7:30 P.M.
Every Thursday Evening
HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR - 6:15 to 7:15
Every Thursday Evening
JUNIOR CHOIR - 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Every Sunday Evening
BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM.

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* Young Worshippers League, (Primary Workshop) May 30 will be the last session for this group for the summer. They will re-convene in early Fall.

May 23, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 466 |
| Church School Attendance | 337 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1598.35 |
| Church School Offering | 89.10 |
| Building Fund Offering | .50 |
| | $ 1687.95 |

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IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 57,650.90

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 52,373.17

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MCGAVRAN Group will meet at the Church Tuesday, June 1, at 12:30 PM. for a pot-luck. Mrs. Marks will prepare chicken. Others bring a covered dish and their table service.
Program, Mrs. Chas. Dilts, Worship by Mrs. Lee Butler.

KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. H.G. Helmuth, 1232 Fairfield, Tuesday, June 1, at 9:30 AM. Program-Mrs. H.C. Banet Worship, Mrs. Wm. Love.

SPICE Group will meet at Hall's Smorgasbord, Wednesday, June 2, at 11 A.M. Worship by Mrs. David Hogg.

DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Earl A. Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd. Wednesday June 2, at 1:30 PM., for a carry-in dinner. Program, Mrs. Wm. Hunt; Worship, Mrs. A.J. Young.

HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. A. O. Schell, 236 Rexford, Thursday, June 3 at 7:45 PM. Program by Mrs. Ethel Allen; Worship, Mrs. Helen Clymore.

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 23 Fort Wayne, Indiana June 3, 1965 37

## STRANGE KIND OF A WORLD . . .

Dr. Arthur H. Compton, winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics, recently told of his struggles of conscience while working on the atomic bomb, He said:

"We must realize that we are no longer living in a world of horse and buggy. Our situation today is comparable to what it would be if a father and mother going out for the afternoon should call their little children to them and say, 'Mother and Daddy are going to be gone for an hour or two, and we want you to be good children. Here are some things for you to play with until we come back - a box of firecrackers, a box of skyrockets and Roman candles, some sparklers, a keg of gunpowder, and a box of matches. Now be careful. We'll be back soon.' "

This is precisely the kind of world in which we live! The influence of violence and killing is everywhere, even in unsuspected areas of life. James Smart, ina newspaper article, wrote:"My annual study of Sears Roebuck Christmas catalogue has satisfied me that the toymakers of America are continuing to prepare our children for the realities of life in the world around them."

He then pointed out that there were 13 pages given to war toys, and but one page to Nativity Scene figurines! When tiny tots play war and use rubber knives to act out their killings, and then use the new toy called "Time Bomb", where one player sets the timer and tosses it to the next player, and then he tries to get rid of it to another player before it goes BANG, and if he doesn't then he is "eliminated" when this is "child's play", the least one can say is, "It is indeed a strange world!"

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

(Monthly Group Meetings)

The ESTHER Group will meet with Mrs Blaine Jones, 3609 S. Monroe, Wednesday, June 9, at 6:30 PM. Program and Worship by Mrs. Fred Wilson.

The FELLOWSHIP Guild will have a picnic at the home of Mrs. Henry Flowers, 9410 Saratoga Rd. Monday, June 14 at 6 PM. Program, Mrs. Wm. Conrad Worship, Miss Verna Sullivan.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet at the Carriage Inn for dinner at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 8. Program, Mrs. John Olson; Worship, Mrs. Edwin Hall.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs James Cain, 813 Kinnaird, Wednesday, June 9, at 8 PM. Program, Mrs. Robt. Lautzenheiser; Worship, Mrs. Garland Morrolf.

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IN SYMPATHY

We were all saddened to learn ofthe passing of Mrs. John Clark (Peggy) on Monday, May 31. Peggy was a loyal and faithful member of the Church. Always in her place at Worship whenever her health permitted. She will be missed. We wish to extend heartfelt sympathy to her husband, her Little daughter, to her sister, Mrs. Ray Loftin and to others in her family, in this time of great sorrow.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mr. Charles MacDowell and his family in the recent loss of his mother.

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AN INVITATION - Members of First Christian Church are cordially invited to an Open House honoring the Reverend Barton A. and Mrs. Johnson, on their retirement from active ministry, Sunday, June 20, 2:00 to 5:00 PM. in Fellowship Hall, Madison Ave. Christian Church, 1530 Madison Ave., Covington Kentucky.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving June 6, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

William Love

Ronald McVay

10:30 A.M. Service -

Myron Cole

J. Fred Smell

DEACONS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

Melvin Foster

Garland Morrolf

Carl D. Linn

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DEACONESSES: June 6

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Mrs. Floyd Morrical

COFFEE HOUR - June

Berean Class

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A 'THANK YOU' NOTE: Mrs. Esther Whitton wishes to thank her friends for their expressions of sympathy and for kindnesses shown during her time of sadness.

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## CHILDREN'S DAY GOALS
JUNE 6, 1965

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## PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

Will be at Shoaff Park Pavilion, Sunday June 6, at 4:00 PM. Games & fellowship for those attending. Bring covered dish and your table service.

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## CHI RHO OUTING

The Chi Rhos will meet at the Church 8:00 AM, Saturday, June 5, and will leave for an all day outing at Pokagon Park. Be at the church promptly at 8.

We need to more adult volunteers who will drive the youth to Pokagon next Saturday. Anyone who can help us out please call Peggy Buskirk, 747-3526.

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GRADUATES - 1965- James Ireland graduated from Angola High School last week. Jan Vanderwall is graduating from South Side. Congratulations Jim and Jan!

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AUCTION - $500 from the earnings of sale will be used for church grounds landscaping. The rest of the money will be used to adopt a Korean orphan.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Registration for Vacation Bible School begins this coming Sunday, June 6, and will, continue throuhg June 13. You will want to see one of the Registrars during the Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following the second Worship Service at either of these two Sundays.

Teachers and responsible leaders are already expecting a record turn-out this year for Vacation Bible School. We will be having two sections. The morning section will include children from the Nursery through the 6th Grade. The evening section will be composed of the Junior and Senior High young people. Times for these group meetings will be 9:00-11:30 AM., and 7:00-9:30 PM. The evening groups will meet on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The morning groups will meet each day, Monday through Friday for the two weeks of June 13-23. A Nursery will be maintained for the children whose mothers are working in Vacation Bible School only! The class sessions will begin with the three-year-olds.

Registration fee is $1.50 per child. This money is used to pay for articles such as text books, art and craft materials. This is the best bargain that you ever made, if you are the type that looks for a bargain. Where could you get a baby sitter for two and one-half hours a day, five days a week for two weeks for that price?

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

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Every Thursday Evening

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Every Sunday Evening

BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM

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Young Worshippers League (Primary Workshop) will not meet during the summer.

There will be no Junior Worship Hour during the summer months.

These groups will meet again in the Fall early in September.

(From Page -1-)

This strange world where "toys" are knives, guns, time bombs, tanks, machine guns, etc. is not the kind of world Jesus would have us teach our little ones. Surely before God, you and I will be held accountable for this distortion of our Father's world.

Sunday's Sermon:
"The Pentecostal Power"

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May 30, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 401 |
| Church School Attendance | 284 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 739.99 |
| Church School Offering | 69.05 |
| Building Fund Offering | 2.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 19.10 |
| | $ 830.14 |

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THE BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 56,715.13

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 51,623.17

## ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Norman Long was in Parkview Hospital, Room 416, last week.

Mrs. Chas. Fuchshuber injured her hand last week and was in St. Joseph's for a short period of time.

Debbie Burkett has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 611.

Albert Farrow is in Room 402, Lutheran Hospital.

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The Church fulfills its holy purpose only as it is filled with the Holy Ghost.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 23 Fort Wayne, Indiana. June 10, 1965 37 38


## "WINGS OF AN ANGEL"

Remember the words of the song, "I wish I had wings like an angel. . ."? Well, today, our "bird-men" returned to earth, and one had walked in the "emptiness" of space as though he had "wings of an angel." This is an hour in history when man can no longer avoid giving priority to the goals for which he will live, for our world has never been in such peril. Dr. Roy A. Burkhart has written: "Man is in a crisis out of which he does not know how to negotiate himself. Despite his urgent desire to live, he is making fantastic preparations to end his life in this dimension."

Man in our time has been given the unleashed powers of the sun to hold in his hands. He has achieved mastery over the atom, but has yet to achieve mastery over his own life. Our dilemma lies in the fact that our mastery over nature makes us too proud to admit we need help in achieving mastery over human nature. No person can become whole without God, nor can he become whole by God's activity alone. Surely you have discovered that you cannot grow flowers without God (His sunshine, rain, the mysterious processes of growth in soil, etc.) and that God has chosen not to grow flower gardens without man, but that together we can achieve the grandeur and glory we see all around us at this time of year. We must take God's infinite gift, and add our complete response, and then the impossible becomes possible.

The human race will produce the real gardens of God in human life, or it will leave behind one vast cinder heap of broken dreams, and shattered cities, the end of civilization. Preacher talk? No so, this attitude is from the great nuclear physicists of our time! You see, the church of our Lord isn't play-acting, it is seeking to redeem the time! Let us build our share of the family of God here in our midst, and seek to extend these family relationships to all the world.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The General meeting of the CWF will be Tuesday evening, June 15 at 8:00 in the Church Parlor. Mrs. Hugh Rice will conduct Installation Services for the incoming officers, who are: Mrs. Wm. R. Love, President; Mrs. H. G. Helmuth, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. W. J. Williams, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Robert Rayl, Corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. W. Mowery, Treasurer.

Mrs. Wm. Ganter will tell us something about the Prayer Breakfast she attended a short time ago in Washington D.C. Mrs. Owen Vaught, will bring brief Highlights from the Convention. Hospitality by McGavran Group; Refreshments will be served by the Fellowship Guild.

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## NEW BOOKS - LIBRARY

You may be interested in reading one of the new books recently placed in the Church Library. The Book Titles are: Dr. Bessie, Man On Fire, God's Gambler, Women of Light, The Fool of God, Come With Me To The Holy Land, Fabulous Flemings of Kathmandu Trouble With Being A Mama, The Layman's Role Today, The Lonely Man, The Disciplined Heart, Prayer In The New Testament, Portrait Of The Church, A Special Way Of Victory, Mothers Are Funnier Than Children, Profiles In Courage, A Year Is Forever, The Friendly Persuasion, The Reluctant Surgeon, My Master Columbus, Sing As We Go, The Davil Came On Sunday, Men and Decisions, The Carthaginian Rose.

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Friendship is a word, the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm.

- A. Birrell

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving June 13, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -
Charles Fuchshuber
George Bruckman

10:30 A.M. Service -
Richard Vanderwall
Bueford Tharp

DEACONS:

8:30 A.M. Service -
John Varner
Thomas Thornbury
Rufus Quinn
James Heavin

10:30 A.M. Service -
William Franklin
Romane Cole
Donald Hogan
Vernon Moore
Virgil Montgomery
Paul Wilcoxson
Orie McDougle, Captain

DEACON ALTERNATES:

Paul Kenline
Leland Higgins
Herman Weber
George Davis
Sidney Cowen
Jefferson Young
Dr. James Ruble

DEACONESSES: June 13, 20, 27
Mrs. Edwin Allen
Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse

HOSPITALITY - June
Mrs. Floyd Morrical

COFFEE HOUR - June
Progressive Class

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## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Begins Sunday June 27 ...
First Service - 8:00 A.M.
Church School - 9:15 - 10:20 A.M.
Second Service - 10:30 A.M.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
June 6, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 15 | 2.20 |
| Nursery | 18 | 3.29 |
| Kindergarten | 29 | 6.39 |
| Primary Dept. | 47 | 8.10 |
| Junior Dept. | 37 | 10.90 |
| Intermediate Dept. | | |
| 7th Grade | 14 | 2.15 |
| 8th Grade | 13 | 2.50 |
| 9th Grade | 7 | .32 |
| High School Class | 26 | 2.55 |
| Young Adults | 4 | 1.65 |
| '58 Class | 31 | 27.50 |
| Berean Class | 15 | 19.30 |
| Come Double Class | 29 | 20.25 |
| Progressive Class | 30 | 95.75 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 40.00 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 19.25 |
| Officers | 2 | |
| Totals | 344 | 263.10 |

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## ROSE BUD SERVICE

The parents who brought their babies to the Rosebud Service last Sunday were:
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Bryan (Cheryl Ann);
Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Bailey (Timothy Allan
Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Vanderwall (Jane Ellen
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Sauerwein (Laura Jean and Timothy Allen);
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Webster (Karen Kay);
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Westerfield (Ellen Gail);
Mr. & Mrs. David Mullins (Lisa Marie);
Dr. & Mrs. James Ruble (Brian James);
Mr. & Mrs. Garland Morrolf (Brenda Sue)

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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Our High School Graduates will have a Breakfast at Baer Field Airport Restaurant on next Sunday morning at 6:30 A.M. All High School Youth are invited to come. Brother George will bring the message.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Before talking about events and announcements, let me share a past experience with you for a change. It was my privilege to journey with our Chi Rho fellowship and their sponsors to Pokagon State Park last Saturday for the day. This was a trip that Chi Rho's earned for themselves and it was well deserved. The day was filled with hiking, swimming, picnicing and horseback riding. Fun Was the order of the day and they had it!

Chi Rho's, let me tell you what I have shared with others since our trip. But don't let what I say give you the "big-head". You were the nicest group that it has ever been my pleasure to accompany anywhere. There wasn't one flaw in our group's behavior, and this is the type of life that Chi Rho prepares us to live, in fellowship with one another and Jesus Christ. It leads me to believe that the efoorts of your adult leaders have not been in vain.

We appreciate the efforts of Mrs. H. P. Love and Mrs. Peggy Buskirk and all others who have assisted in leading you during the past year. We are looking forward to their return next Fall. May God bless them!

Now don't forget that we have been telling you about the wonderful things in store for you in the Vacation Bible School that is scheduled to begin this coming Sunday night for CYF and Chi Rho and Monday morning for the Junior Department on down. See all of you there.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR
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| Church School Attendance | 344 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1563.97 |
| Church School Offering ) | 263.10 |
| Children's Day Offering ) | 5.00 |
| Building Fund Offering | 280.15 |
| U.C.F.A. | 38.80 |
| | $ 2151.62 |

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## ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Harry Wetzel has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 408.

Mr. J.C. Gerrard is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 336.

Mrs. Edward H. Ashton suffered a broken hip and is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 203.

Robert Perkins cut off the tip of a finger one day last week.

Mrs. Sid Cowen has been ill at her home for several weeks.

Dr. Lee Butler has been ill for several days at his home.

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild will have a picnic at the home of Mrs. Henry Flowers, 9410 Saratoga Rd. Monday, June 14th at 6:00 P.M. Program , Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, Worship, Miss Verna Sullivan.

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SERMON:
"Man, Everlasting Riddle"



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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"SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT"

Roy A. Burkhart, in his book, "The Person You Can Be," made the following statement:

> "Today the struggle for bread and material possessions is quite real, despite the fact that we are the richest nation in the world of material things.
>
> One hears the shout among the awakened poor with a new sense of power, "Give us bread, more bread, abundant bread; it's all our need, the end of our necessity. Take away our freedom, enslave our souls, build an insurmountable government debt in mortgages, mortgage the wages of our children's children - only make us sure of our bread and, if possible, our beer."
>
> We build factories and cities; we make everything but men. And one day we must face the fact that we have everything but character, which can be our salvation."

You see, the Church of which you are a part says that the souls (or the self) needs to be nourished as well as the body. What goes on when you worship, open your heart to the reading of God's Word, lift your heart before His throne of grace, -All these high moments of the soul's quest for peace, are not mere ecclesiastical trimmings, they are the soul's desperate need for fellowship with God.

In every moment when we are true to the inner light of God, we can truly report; we can come to know God, and we can dedicate ourselves anew to knowing and living by the will of God, and when we live and love by His Will, we can know the peace which is the true hope of the world.

## MORBUS SABATTICUS

Or, Sunday sickness, is peculiar to members of churches, and it returns every seventh day. There will be no suggestion of the disease until Sunday morning, and without the least difficulty it can be developed very quickly. The symtoms vary, but the disease never intereferes with the appetite. It never lasts more than twenty-four hours, and often much less. It is never necessary to call a physician, yet the disease is very contagious. No symtoms are felt on Saturday night, but the attack comes on suddenly on Sunday morning. The patient awakens as usual, feeling well, and eats a hearty breakfast. About nine o'clock the attack comes on, and usually lasts until noon. And in the afternoon, the patient is much improved and is able to ride, and read the Sunday papers. The patient eats a hearty supper, but the attack soon comes on again and lasts through the evening worship hour. The aftermath is that on Monday morning the patient, who is subject to Sunday sickness, is out bright and early, meeting friends at the drug store corner and attending to business with the usual interest and pep. This strange disease has proven very much of an epidemic. In nearly every home there will be one or more cases every Sunday. -Selected

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## IN SYMPATHY

Word comes that Rev. Omer Collins, father of Mrs. Paul Taulman, passed away this week Wednesday at his home in Remington, Indiana. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Taulman in her time of sorrow.

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"Come now, and let us reason together" The Church is the divinely created custodian of God;s teachings in the world.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving June 20, 1965

ELDERS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

William Franklin
Rolland Ripple

10:30 A.M. Service -

Floyd Morrical
Ronald McKay

DEACONS:

8:30 A.M. Service -

John Varner
Thomas Thornbury
Rufus Quinn
James Heavin

10:30 A.M. Service -

Romane Cole
Donald Hogan
Vernon Moore
Virgil Montgomery
Paul Wilcoxson
Orie McDougle, Captain

DEACON ALTERNATES -

Paul Kenline
Leland Higgins
Herman Weber
George Davis
Sidney Cowen
Jefferson Young
Dr. James Ruble

DEACONESS: June 20, 27

Mrs. Edwin Allen
Mrs. William Crouse

HOSPITALITY - June

Mrs. Floyd Morrical

COFFEE HOUR - June

Progressive Class

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday JUNE 27 ....

First Service - 8:00 A.M.
Church School - 9:15 - 10:20 A.M.
Second Service - 10:30 A.M.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
June 13, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | .87 |
| Nursery | 18 | 1.58 |
| Kindergarten | 25 | 3.30 |
| Primary Dept. | 43 | 4.80 |
| Junior Dept. | 35 | 7.95 |
| Intermediate Dept. | | |
| 7th Grade | 13 | 2.20 |
| 8th Grade | 14 | 1.15 |
| 9th Grade | 12 | .65 |
| High School Class | 27 | 3.30 |
| Young Adults | 8 | 5.60 |
| '58 Class | 23 | 10.50 |
| Berean Class | 17 | 4.50 |
| Come Double Class | 28 | 11.80 |
| Progressive Class | 28 | 17.25 |
| Friendly Class | 23 | 4.00 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 5.00 |
| Officers | 2 | |
| Totals | 335 | $84.35 |

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## GRADUATING SENIORS
1965

These young people were recognized at a breakfast given in their honor last Sunday morning:
Suzette Hunt, Jim Ireland, Linda King, Peggy Love, Les MacDowell, Shirley Beth Naile, Cindy Pattengale, Jack Skelton, Jim Presnell, Jack Smith, John Weicker, Roger Swift, Fred Warner, Jan Vanderwall, David Williams.

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## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

In an assembly each Friday morning of Vacation Bible School, an offering will be taken. The money received will be sent to Unified Promotion to be used for the Indiana Migrant Ministry.

Vacation Church School will continue for another week, or until June 24th.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

In the second Worship Hour next Sunday we will be honoring the fathers of our Church. Yes, June 20th is Father's Day. From those who worship with us that day we will select six men, or fathers who will be honored. There is a difference between men and fathers. One denotes a sexual gender, while the other denotes a person-to-person relationship. You have no choice in the matter of whether you are a man or a woman. But if you are a male, you may decide whether you will be a father or not. A male may produce offspring, but that does not necessarily make him a father.

A man may never father children of his own, but in a lifetime may accummulate many "sons".

To be the kind of man that fatherless children would want to look up to and call "Father" is a noble ambition.

Children that are adopted often have little choice in the matter. But suppose they did. Would you be the kind of man that homeless children would want to have for a father? You can become that man with the help of God!

Sunday, June 20, the Church will recognize (1) the OLDEST father, (2) the YOUNGEST, (3) the father with THE MOST CHILDREN PRESENT, (4) the father WHO COMES THE GREATEST DISTANCE, (5) the father WHO HAS THE YOUNGEST CHILD, and (6) the father WHO HAS THE OLDEST CHILD.

See you Sunday in Church School and Worship Hour.

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

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## CHURCH CALENDAR
## SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1965

8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - Worship
9:35 to 10:35 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants & Children through 5 years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday & Thursday - 7:00 P.M.

SANCTUARY CHOIR - 7:30 P.M.
Every Thursday Evening

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR - 6:15 to 7:15
Every Thursday Evening

JUNIOR CHOIR 5:00 to 6:00 P.M
Every Sunday Evening

BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM

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PRIMARY WORKSHOP ... over.
KINDERGARTEN WORKSHOP will not meet after June 30 until Fall.
JUNIOR WORSHIP will not meet until Fall.

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SERMON: "Enslaved By A Dream"

June 13, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 449 |
| Church School Attendance | 335 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1247.4 |
| Church School Offering | 84.3 |
| Children's Day Offering | 45.0 |
| Building Fund Offering | 16.0 |
| U.C.F.A. | 16.2 |
| | $ 1409.0 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION TO THE BUILDING FUND IS THE BALANCE NOW DUE $ 56,715.1

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 51,623.1

## ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Edward Ashton is now at home after a stay in the hospital.

Melvin Foster has been confined to his home for several days with a sprained ankle.

Mr. Charles Billiard has been a patien in the Veterans Wright-Patterson Hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

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Elmer Darwachter wishes to take this means to thank of the people who remember him with prayers, cards and calls while he was in the hospital. He especially wishes to thank Kirk Butler for his daily calls and his words of encouragement.

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NOTE: We wish to express our thanks to Mr. & Mrs. A.O. Schell for the gift of the reed baskets to be used for gathering up the communion cups; give in memory of the birthday of Mr. Sch mother, Mrs. Katherine Schell.




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## WORSHIP HOUR CHANGES

This coming Sunday morning the early hour of worship moves to the summer starting time of 8:00 o'clock! The second worship hour will be at the regular time of 10:30 A.M. The elders and deacons who are to serve in the early hours are urged to be prompt, and if for some reason you cannot be there, please call your alternate.

Where are the quiet hours of which the poets write? Where is the peace which blessed our fathers before us? Perhaps the city "slickers" have gained "things" and lost the better things in the cities of brick, steel and mortar. Elizabeth Barrett Browning recalls:

"The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields, above the sea,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees;
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what may happen,
I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the rustling of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born -
Out in the fields with God."

I'm often haunted by memories of days spent amidst the mountain trials; of summer days spent walking down paths undisturbed by any noise louder than the call of a squirrel or the thrust of a pheasant's wings; of seeing the deer running free, and

BABY-SITTER: Miss Shirley Naile, one of our fine young girls, wishes to baby-sit on week-days and week-day nights, during the summer. Anyone needing the services of a reliable young person for baby-sitting should call Miss Naile, 747-3789.

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But thank God for the transforming power of the Christ as it has been exhibited in the lives of those who have preceeded us! For in the spiritual heritage we have, we are convinced that Christianity is not "play-acting" for a religious convenience. We ask a question at this point: "What will the children of our day receive from us?"

Christ does not call us to debate, but to perform deeds! He does not ask us to deliberate, but to decide. May the image of His body on a cross haunt our memories until we mature in Him!

See you and your family at 9:15 A.M. next Sunday.

John W. Williams, Associate Minister.

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I AM YOUR CHURCH OFFICE !

I am your Church office - I feel neglected.
When you are planning to move, you notify every magazine to which you subscribe, you notify your friends, but you fail to notify me. I am your church office - I feel neglected.
When a member of your family is ill, you seem to manage to call all your friends, except me. I like to know all our people who are ill, so why don't you call me? I am your church office - I feel neglected!

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Never take a vacation from God.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving June 27, 1965

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Service -
John E. Merrill
James H. Naile

10:30 A.M. Service -
Walter Birkhold
William Crouse

DEACONS:

8:00 A.M. Service -
Robert Hendricks
Robert Schubel
John F. Hechler
Edwin Hall

10:30 A.M. Service -
D. Wayne Penny
Ted Bryan
Robert Rogers
Jack Sweeney
Cliff Travis
Robert Westerfield
Walter J. Williams
John E. Black, Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS:
Robert Perkins
Robert Ogles
A. E. Huddleston
Howard Howell
Edward M. Smith
Charles Speicher
Bruce Stone

DEACONESSES: June 27
Mrs. Edwin Allen
Mrs. William Crouse

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday June 27 -
First Service - 8:00 A.M.
Church School - 9:15 A.M.
Second Service - 10:30 A.M.

## THE CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
June 20, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 16 | .88 |
| Nursery | 19 | 1.36 |
| Kindergarten | 26 | 2.58 |
| Primary Dept. | 43 | 3.75 |
| Junior Dept. | 35 | 7.90 |
| Intermediate Dept. | | |
| 7th Grade | 8 | 1.25 |
| 8th Grade | 11 | 2.45 |
| 9th Grade | 8 | .70 |
| High School Class | 19 | 3.13 |
| Young Adults | 4 | 2.07 |
| '58 Class | 33 | 16.25 |
| Berean Class | 13 | 5.50 |
| Come Double class | 25 | 6.50 |
| Progressive Class | 29 | 15.75 |
| Friendly Class | 24 | 4.00 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 3.50 |
| Officers | 0 | |
| Totals | 319 | $ 77.57 |

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## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS PICNIC

The teachers and helpers of Vacation Church School will have a carry-in picnic supper at McMillen Park, Sunday June 27th, at 6:00 P.M. In the event of rain the picnic will be held in Fellowship Hall of the Church.

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## WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells will ring for Carolyn Phillips next Saturday at 7:00 P.M. in the Church Sanctuary. All members and friends are cordially invited to come.

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NOTE: Mrs. Edward H. Ashton wishes to take this means to thank her many friends in the church for the get-well cards, flowers and visits she received during her recent stay in the hospital. Mrs. Ashton suffered a broken hip.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Some years ago a well-meaning individual hit upon what he felt would be a sure fire solution to the problems of the world. He said he would like to gather all the people of the world into a vast amphitheater; and there he would have the most capable person in the world read in dramatic and forceful manner Christ's parable of the good Samaritan. Then he would say to the people of the world. "Go and do thou likewise," that is, be kind to one another. And with that he would send them home.

I rather doubt that it would do much good. I question that the mere telling of the story of a man who helped his neighbor ages ago, excellent story that it is, would initself do much to ennoble the heart of him who hears it.

I fervently wish it were possible to gather all the people of the world together around the cross of Christ on Calvary. I would devoutly pray that they might be unforgettably impressed with the horror of the sin of humanity and with the boundless love of God in Christ.

For if Christianity is to ever change the face of the world, it will be through Christian actions. Words alone will not suffice. The Christian life is a response and a reaction to God's one supreme act in human history - the giving of HisSon to die on a cross. And in this action man is expected to respond by taking up his cross and following Christ. With the reenactment of the drama of Calvary in the life of Christ's followers, God seeks and speaks to man. If somehow Christ has been crucified and this event had been lost in the dusty pages of history, I doubt that any of us would know one inkling of what it means to be His disciples today.

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BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM

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streams of water, pure and ice cold, in which the trout swam contentedly, and one's thoughts turned quite naturally to the quiet peace of God. If you seek for peace, try getting away from the noise and artificial, and in the midst of our Heavenly Father's House (forest and field, etc.) there will come contentment of oneness with Him.

Sunday's Sermon.

"REBUILDING BROKEN LIVES"

June 20, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 387 |
| Church School Attendance | 319 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1571.16 |
| Church School Offering | 77.57 |
| Children's Day Offering | 10.00 |
| Building Fund Offering | 4.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 3.00 |
| | $ 1665.73 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION TO THE BUILDING FUND IS THE BALANCE NOW DUE $ 56,715.13

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 51,623.17

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

On Thursday night, June 24, at 7:00 P.M. the Vacation Church School will close with the Family Night with all Departments participating. The program will begin in the Sanctuary and end in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## "THE LURE OF THE GOSPEL"

In his book, "God's Colony in Man's World", George W. Webber, writes: .....

> "Apart from the Gospel every man is captive or blind or oppressed or poor." ... "It is always a temptation to subordinate social action to evangelism rather than to see the witness of love as itself a sign that points directly to Jesus Christ. The social work of the churches is often regarded with suspicion by people. It seems to be simply a means to an end. If we are only trying to fill our empty churches it is wrong. The New Testament commands us to love our neighbor as the whole fulfillment of the law. This is subordinated only to our love for God. WE DO NOT LOVE IN ORDER TO CONVERT. LOVE LOVES FOR ITS OWN SAKE: it loves in order to help the other person. How right it is for a church to find that it is giving far more of its time to those who show little sign of commiting their lives to Jesus Christ than to those who are already members of the Church! Christ's love is always freely offered."

Then he adds: "But at the same time it is not the church's major task to join in every humanitarian effort to improve the lot of human life ... The crucial work of the colony is always a sign which points, in however partial and broken a way, to God's Kingdom. It must point to the saving work of God in Jesus Christ and must be

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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving July 11 & 18, 1965

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ELDERS: July 11 -

8:00 A.M. Service -

Earl Plummer

William Caldwell

July 18 ---

John Barbre

William Love

10:30 A.M. Service - July 11

Hugh Rice

Robert Clipp

July 18 ---

Dr. Henry Butler

Myron Cole

DEACONS - July 11 and 18.

8:00 A.M. Service -

Melvin Foster

Garland Morrolf

Carl D. Linn

F. Wayne Rousseau

10:30 A.M. Services -

Ben G. Taylor

Donald C. Smith

William J. Lehman

Cecil Beck

Delmas Young

Charles Ludwig

Herdis Helmuth

Robert Urich - Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS

Homer Stevenson

Walter Keebortz

Dempsey Weaver

Andrew Cook

John M. Peterson

Lawrence Horn

Hendricks Love

Hugh Bassett

DEACONESSES - July 11, 18

Mrs. Paul Tru by

Mrs. S. E. Merriman

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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving July 4, 1965

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Service -

David Griggs

Robert Rayl

10:30 A.M. Service -

J.E. Weicker

Alfred Schell

DEACONS:

8:00 A.M. Service -

Robert Hendricks

Robert Schubel

John F. Hechler

Edwin Hall

10:30 A.M. Service -

D. Wayne Penny

Ted Bryan

Robert Rogers

Jack Sweeney

Cliff Travis

Robert Westerfield

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ALTERNATE DEACONS:

Robert Perkins

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DEACONESSES: July 4, 11, 18

Mrs. Paul Truby

Mrs. S. E. Merriman

HOSPITALITY: July

COFFEE HOUR - July

Berean Class

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Mrs. Ben Taylor and Mrs. Hendricks Love Co-Directors.

Teachers and Helpers

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Nursery: Mrs. Howard Overmyer, Mrs. Alfred Schell, Mrs. Richard Mills, Mrs. Sarah Likens, Mrs. Mary Wagner, John Merrill, Jr.

Family Night: Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mrs. Geo. Wascovich, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Paul Taulman, Mrs. Wm. Lehman,

Our sincere thanks go to all these workers who helped make our Vacation School a success.

Special Thanks to Robert Schubel for his gift of a ditto machine for use in the school. Thanks to Mr. Merriman for obtaining our supplies; And thanks to John Merrill for making our sign.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

This coming Sunday, July 4, 1965 is "FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY SUNDAY." Just what does this mean? What connection is there between Christianity and these two words, "freedom" and "democracy"? Why should there even be such an observance in the Church Calendar?

To find the answer to these and other similar questions you have to dig way back into ancient history. There's the answer to youth's perrenial question, "Why study history?" Because it gives us answers to today's important questions!

The Book of Exodus is an excellent study and text book for one seeking such answers. An awareness of God and surrender to His will brought freedom to the people of Israel. Ignorance of God and disobedience brought slavery. This is an eternal principle: "THE PEOPLE WHO BEND THEIR KNEES ONLY TO GOD NEED NEVER BOW TO SLAVERY AND DICTATORSHIP!"

Are you really free? And if you are free, from what to what? For you see, one can never experience absolute freedom apart from relationships. We become unrelated from one influence only to become related to another. Don't you think that's what Jesus meant when he said, "No man can serve two masters."?

Given the freedom of choice, which master will you serve? One promises slavery and death. The other promises life and true liberty, liberty that knows responsibility. Think of these things as we approach "FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY SUNDAY."

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BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM

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IN HOSPITAL - Mrs. James Knight is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Rm. 408.

June 27, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 384 |
| Church School Attendance | 252 |
| Regular Church Offering | $1206.17 |
| Children's Day Offering | 25.00 |
| Church School Offering | 61.25 |
| U.C.F.A. | 12.00 |
| | $ 1304.42 |

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an analogy to Christ's own ministry." The Church is to love men and women, boys and girls, because they are the handiwork of God and need His saving Grace. The Scriptures make it clear, "We love because HE first loved us."

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Sermon: "THE ANGEL IN THE SUN"
John W. Williams, Associate

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian friends: Your many acts of kindness helped me to bear the loss of my beloved sister, Edith Siples, Thank you all very kindly, Sincerely. Mrs. Thomas (Roxy) Wunderlich.

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STORK NEWS!

A little girl was born on June 25, to Mr. & Mrs. Karl Young. We wish to congratulate this young family.

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Mr. Herman Sigrist spent several days in Parkview , but has now returned to his home.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 23 Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 5, 1965 Number 43


- From the Poem, "The Vision of Sir Launfal"

The young Knight, Sir Launfal, dedicated his life to search for the Holy Grail, the cup our Lord used at the last Supper. He prepared both himself and his white horse with meticulous care, then lies down to sleep for the last night in his castle and dreams he was awakened, and on a beautiful morning went forth on his adventure. At his gate he sees a loathsome leper, who moans and begs for alms. Sir Launfal is revolted by this repulsive sight and tosses a coin into the dust. But the leper leaves the coin in the dust, saying, "He gives only the worthless gold who gives from a sense of duty." Sir Launfal shrugs it off, and rides off on his grand adventure.

He passes through many adventures and many sufferings, and soon his money is all spent, and the white horse long dead. He is discouraged, weary, half-starved and he returns to his castle, old and bent, worn out and very frail, only to find that another had taken his place, for he has long since been declared dead. He is cast forth as an interloped from his own castle. Ragged, thinly clad, he shivers in the cold. As he stands outside he hears a moan and turns to see the loathsome leper. Having suffered himself, he finds in his heart no feeling of revulsion, no condescension, but gently breaks in half the last crust of bread, and shares it with the leper, and taking the cup he goes to the ice-filled stream to give the leper a drink, when suddenly all is brilliantly lighted about him, and in terror he turns to the leper only to see that it is Christ whose light has illumined all, and who says these most

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## NOTES

Brother George and his family will be away on vacation during the next few weeks. Several days of this time will be spent at Christmount, West Point, Georgia, where Brother George will speak.

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Several of our members have recently lost dear family members during the summer:

Arza Smith's mother passed away;

Mrs. Gene Auer lost her father;

Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad lost a sister-in-law;

Mrs, Gail Roe's brother passed away just this last week.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to these folk.

Mr. Lawrence Horn 's Uncle passed away several weeks ago.

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Mr. & Mrs. Grover C. Cahow, long time faithful members of this church are moving from the city this week-end. They will be living near their daughter. The address : R. R. 3, P. O. 178-A. Coldwater Michigan. They are not moving their membership from this church and will be happy to hear from us from time to time. We ask God to bless these fine folk.

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## TWO UP-COMING RETREATS! ANY INTERESTED?

Camp Barbee will be the site for both Christian Women's Fellowship and Christian Men's Fellowship Retreats.

C. M. F. Retreat - September 10, 11, 12. Cost $8.50 ($7.50 if pre-registered by September 6). Singing, Recreation, and worship will all be a part of the Men's Retreat. If attending is a possibility, see Brother George for $2.00 pre-registration forms.

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving August 8, 1965

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Service

Ronald McVay
Robert Rayl

10:30 A.M. Service

James H. Naile
Walter C. Birkhold

DEACONS:

8:00 A.M. Service

Robert Hendricks
Robert Schubel
John F. Hechler
Edwin R. Hall

10:30 A.M. Service

D. Wayne Penny
Ted Bryan
Robert Rogers
Jack Sweeney
Cliff Travis
Robert Westerfield
Walter J. Williams
John E. Black, Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS:

Robert Perkins
Robert Ogles
A. E. Huddleston
Howard Howell
Edward M. Smith
Charles Speicher
Bruce Stone

DEACONESSES: August 8

Mrs. R. G. S. Quinn
Mrs. Herman Weber

COFFEE HOUR - AUGUST

Come Double Class

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NOTES: Members who have passed away recently: Mrs. E. L. Harris, July 10. Walter Mosier, July 4. We extend our sincere sorrow to these families.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
August 1, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | .67 |
| Nursery | 12 | 1.66 |
| Kindergarten | 18 | 2.52 |
| Primary | 24 | 2.10 |
| Juniors | 25 | 5.80 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 8th Grade | 6 | .85 |
| 9th Grade | 6 | .73 |
| High School Class | 17 | 3.33 |
| Young Adults | 4 | 3.50 |
| '58 Class | 17 | 6.00 |
| Berean Class | 8 | 3.00 |
| Come Double Class | 11 | 5.00 |
| Progressive Class | 34 | 20.15 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 4.20 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 4.00 |
| | 220 | $ 63.51 |

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## ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Those who have been in Hospital:

Mrs. Kathryn Eich
Mrs. Robert DeVaux
Floyd Boschet
Tommy Penny
Mrs. Arthur Mowery

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Mrs. John Thompson has been a patient in Luthern Hospital.

Mrs. Phillip Uhl has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Ernest Shireman is in Lutheran Hospital Room 565.

Mrs. Ada Grieder is in Lutheran Hospital, Room 621.

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## IN SYMPATHY

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mrs. Charles MacDowell and her family in the recent loss of husband and father.

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Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Charles Wrisk and family, in the recent death of a brother.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

It was my pleasure to fill the pulpit for both services of worship last Sunday at North Christian Church in the absence of their Minister, Rev. LaVerne Irvin. To be away from one's own congregation is to miss a fellowship of Christian people. But to share in the life of another congregation brings joy as you know that we are all part of something larger.

For the next three Sundays, I will be filling the pulpit in the absence of our own Minister, Brother George. It is a great privilege to lead this great congregation in the worship of God, to preach the Gospel of Christ and to minister to spiritual needs. I ask your prayers for God's guidance.

Great things are in store for this Church during the coming months of the near future. New and thrilling experiences are in store in the area of Christian Education. Beginning last Spring, the Christian Education Department and the Church School Committee under this department have been making plans for a new venture of faith and learning. You will be hearing more about this in the near future.

May we have the pleasure of worshiping and studying together this coming Sunday? We'll be looking forward to seeing you and your family in Church School and the Worship Hour.

Sincerely,

John W. Williams,
Associate Minister

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1965

8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Worship

9:15 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services .. Infants & Children through 5 years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday & Thursday .. 7:00 P.M.

BOY SCOUTS .. Every Friday - 7:00 PM

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Sincere sympathy is extended to Harold Crowder and his family in the recent death of Mr. Crowder's father.

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CONGRATULATIONS - To Steven Bruckman! Steven attended the National Music Conest at Pittsburgh, Pa., two weeks ago, and received the trophy for making third place.

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Mr. & Mrs. M. Clay Orchard suffered injuries in an automobile accident in England. They are in Lister Hospital, Hitchen Herts, England. Mr. Orchard is Mrs. Peggy Buskirk's brother.

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wonderful words:

"Lo, it is I, be not afraid!
In many climes, without avail,
Thou hast spent thy life for the Holy Grail!
Behold, it is here, - this cup which thou
Didst fill at the streamlet for Me, but now;
This crust is My Body broken for thee,
The water His Blood that died on the tree;
The Holy Supper is kept, indeed,
In whatso we share with another's need;
Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me."

-- James Russell Lowell

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August 1, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 339 |
| Church School Attendance | 220 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1636.46 |
| Church School Offering | 63.51 |
| Building Fund Offering | 13.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 15.20 |
| | $ 1728.17 |

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U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 51,623.17




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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**Volume** 23 **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** August 12, 1965 **Number** 44


## A MESSAGE FROM GOD . . .

Tucked away in the 1st Epistle of Peter, the first 6 verses, is the message from God:

> "Since Christ had to suffer physically for you, you must fortify yourselves with the same inner attitude that He must have had. You must realize that to be dead to sin inevitably means pain, and you should not therefore spend the rest of your time here on earth indulging your physical nature, but in doing the will of God. Our past life may have been good enough for pagan purposes, though it meant sensuality, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousals and worshipping forbidden gods. Indeed your former companions may think it very queer that you will no longer join with them in their riotous excesses, and accordingly say all sorts of unpleasant things about you. DON'T WORRY: THEY ARE THE ONES WHO WILL HAVE TO EXPLAIN THEIR BEHAVIOR BEFORE THE ONE WHO IS PREPARED TO JUDGE ALL MEN, WHETHER LIVING OR DEAD. (For that is WHY the dead also had the Gospel preached to them - that IT might judge the lives they lived as men, and give them also the opportunity to share the eternal life of God in the spirit.)"

God's message throughout His dealings with His children has been that not what we say, or know, but what we are shall be the record examined before the throne in heaven.

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## HAVE YOU QUIT?

If you were to tell some people they had quit the church, they would be highly indignant. One time a man who had not attended a service of the church in several months told the preacher he had never thought about QUITTING the church.

The preacher reminded him he had already (1) withdrawn his presence from its services, (2) refused to give his moral support to its activities, (3) had withdrawn his financial support and was not helping in that way.

The preacher then asked, "What else would you have to do in order to "quit" the church? If you decided you did not want to be a member, what other steps would have to be taken?"

As his true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, "Why, I've already quit, haven't I? Well, I surely did not mean to, but I've quit the Lord and His Church. I'll tell you right now, I'm coming back!"

Have you quit the church without meaning to? Stopped attending, giving, etc.? What else must you do to quit?

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## A MOTORIST'S PRAYER

O God, our Father: Keep my hands steady, my eyes clear and my mind alert at all times.

Forbid that my carelessness should harm another.

Watch over me and any who may accompany me. Protect me from danger and from harm and guide me safely to my journey's end. -Amen.

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Remember, your empty pew always places a question mark after your profession of faith.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving August 15, 1965

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Service

William H. Crouse
Elmer Darwachter

10:30 A.M. Service

John E. Merrill
J. E. Weicker

DEACONS:

8:00 A.M. Service

Robert Hendricks
Robert Schubel
John F. Hechler
Edwin R. Hall

10:30 A.M. Service

D. Wayne Penny
Ted Bryan
Robert Rogers
Jack Sweeney
Cliff Travis
Robert Westerfield
Walter J. Williams
John E. Black, Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS:

Robert Perkins
Robert Ogles
A.E. Huddleston
Howard Howell
Edward M. Smith
Charles Speicher
Bruce Stone

DEACONESSES: August 15, 22, 29

Mrs. Robert Rayl
Mrs. Glenn Miller

COFFEE HOUR - AUGUST

Come Double Class

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Why go to Church? Because the church is God's way of saving, conserving, and keeping humanity from moral degeneration.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

August 8, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 8 | .71 |
| Nursery | 15 | 1.86 |
| Kindergarten | 16 | 2.49 |
| Primary | 26 | 2.56 |
| Juniors | 26 | 6.35 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 8 | 1.25 |
| 8th Grade | 8 | 1.05 |
| 9th Grade | 3 | .35 |
| High School Class | 9 | 2.90 |
| Young Adults | 3 | 3.35 |
| '58 Class | 20 | 5.88 |
| Berean Class | 10 | 4.70 |
| Come Double Class | 18 | 7.50 |
| Progressive Class | 17 | 12.75 |
| Friendly Class | 20 | 3.75 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 5.00 |
| | 218 | $62.45 |

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## AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Friends:

Although very belatedly both of us want to thank the First Christain Church, Fort Wayne, for the most beautiful bouquet you sent for our final Sunday, June 27, in Covington.

We are also most grateful that a car-load of dear Fort Wayne friends drove to Covington for the Community Reception June 20th.

Thanking you again, and with very best wishes, we remain,

Your friends,

Vivian and Barton Johnson.

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Granting that it is possible to worship God in the woods and the fields, it is well to bear in mind that there is a difference between true worship and just enjoying the landscape.

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The happiness of your life depends upthe quality of your thoughts. (Copied

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Did you ever run completely out of energy? You see a person who has once in a while. If you aren't careful, you could accuse him of being lazy. Wouldn't it be a terrible thing to make such a charge against your own best friend, only to discover that it just wasn't so? How embarassed can you get?

The TV commercial that talks about "tired blood" and "that ache-all-over, run-down-feeling" suggests that we need a boost of energy once in a while. A friend of mine told me the other day that he has "spells" of this malady that drive him to his physician to get what the doctor calls a shot of "forty oranges." Vitamin C peps you up, he says. I know another man who takes a pill containing all the daily minimum requirement for vitamin C. Did you know that vitamin C is one of the vitamins that cannot be stored up? What you don't use today and what you get today will do you no good tomorrow. Doctors have told me that your body chemistry eliminates what you don't use, making it impossible to store up this vitamin.

There is a spiritual parallel to this physical truth. You just can't get enough spiritual food at one time to last you forever. Like the manna and quail the ancient Hebrew children gathered in the wilderness, what you don't use today will not keep. But they never went out to gather their daily food without finding an adequate supply.

THAT'S THE WAY IT IS WITH GOD'S RESOURCES! Let's worship together next Sunday when the message will be entitled, "God's Inexhaustible Resources."

John W. Williams,
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9:15 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
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VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday & Thursday .. 7:00 P.M.

BOY SCOUTS .. Every Friday - 7:00 PM

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## OPEN LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION ....

"Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hunt request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Linda Sue to Mr. Daniel Dwight Holtz on Saturday, August 21st at 4:30 at First Christian Church. Reception will be held in Fellowship Hall."

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## STORK NEWS

Miss Michele is the young lady born to Mr. & Mrs. Roger Crist at Lutheran Hospital, August 6.

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What is God saying through your life to your contacts in this community today? Let God speak a word of love through your life to each person you will meet this coming week.

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Sunday's Sermon: . .
"Inexhaustible Resources"

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August 8, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 314 |
| Church School Attendance | 218 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 129.4.90 |
| Church School Offering | 62.45 |
| Building Fund Offering | 19.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 15.10 |
| | $ 1391.45 |

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BALANCE NOW DUE $ 54,830.70

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U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 51,623.17

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## AMONG OUR SICK

Alfred Schell was a patient at Lutheran Hospital this last week.

Mrs. Ethel Allen was in St. Joseph 's Hospital, room 823, this week.

Several week's ago, Mrs Mary Dilts fell and broke her leg. She is now able to get about on crutches.

Mrs. Dilts wishes to take this means to say that if at any time in future a member of the Church needs the use of crutches, she will be happy to loan the pair she has.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## "THE COLONY OF GOD"

Nearly every week we receive a note from some of our Church family as they travel across our country during this vacation period. Today a note from the Brooms came from Texas as they were on their way to Mexico and then on to California and Oregon. It reminded me once more of our scattered family of God. How we need to keep in touch with one another. Soon the busy time of our Church year will be upon us and we will be sharing the work of a great church, and it is wonderful to share the news of you members while you are scattered from Maine to California, etc.

This week-end I shall be sharing the 25th class reunion of my High School graduating class. Strange that we graduated into a world on the brink of war, and many of my personal friends gave their lives for their country. Two of my friends from that graduating class were included on the list of the nations heroes, one as a Marine in the jungles of Guadalcanal, and the other as a pilot over Germany. Strange that a quarter century has come and gone and we are still at war in a far off jungle! Other names and other graduating classes are added to the nation's list of heroes, but unless the Kingdom of God holds sway in the lives of men and nations, the end cannot be far away when the earth shall be no more.

This Fall in the Colony of God we shall be trying to make God and His Kingdom, and His Divine Imperatives, clear to us all. Come what may, we must be up and

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## TO WHAT DID JESUS GIVE PRIORITY?

A man decided to seek the answer to this question. He read all his words as recorded in the New Testament and realized that the things about which he spoke fell into three categories. First, material things - houses, land, money, food, rings, etc. Second, people- rich and poor, wise and foolish, generous and stingy, humble and proud. Third, He talked of God - His nature, His power, His love. Then Jesus asked his followers to do something about each of these. In relation to things, He said to give away something valuable. We should do this because there is a need, and because it is good for us. Giving is a response to God. To be one of His followers the spirit of unselfishness and sharing is essential. In relation to people, Jesus said to look for something good in them. Once He was traveling with his disciples through Samaria. Refused a place to spend the night, the disciples wanted to call down fire from heaven and burn the village. But Jesus rebuked them and said they must love even their enemies. In relation to God, Jesus urged that we trust and obey Him. When He said, "Come and follow Me" these are some of the things He had in mind. --Copied

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TIME MARCHES ON:

Charming Childhood,
Tender Teens,
Teachable Twenties
Tireless Thirties,
Fiery Forties,
Forceful Fifties,
Serious Sixties,
Sober Seventies,
Aching Eighties,
Death, the Sod, God.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving August 22 & 29, 1965

ELDERS: August 22 -

8:00 A.M. Service

Alfred Schell
Earl Plummer

10:30 A.M. Service

William Caldwell
Hugh Rice

ELDERS: August 29 -

8:00 A.M. Service

Richard Vanderwall
Charles Fuchshuber

10:30 A.M. Service

Floyd Morrical
William Franklin

DEACONS: August 22 & 29 -

8:00 A.M. Service

Melvin Foster
Garland Morrolf
Carl D. Linn
F. Wayne Rousseau

10:30 A.M. Service

Ben G. Taylor
Donald C. Smith
William J. Lehman
Cecil Beck
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Herdis Helmuth
Robert Urich-Captain

ALTERNATES:

Homer Stevenson
Walter Keebortz
Dempsery Weaver
Andrew Cook
John M. Peterson
Lawrence Horn
Hendricks Love
Hugh Bassett

DEACONESSES: August 22,29

Mrs. Robert Rayl
Mrs. Glenn Miller

COFFEE HOUR - August - Come Double

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
August 15, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 7 | .70 |
| Nursery | 11 | 1.21 |
| Kindergarten | | 2.51 |
| Primary | 27 | 2.75 |
| Juniors | 26 | 6.15 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 10 | 1.05 |
| 8th Grade | 8 | .70 |
| 9th Grade | 3 | 1.20 |
| High School Class | 11 | 1.91 |
| Young Adults | 5 | 2.60 |
| '58 Class | 16 | 10.50 |
| Berean Class | 9 | 3.50 |
| Come Double Class | 13 | 5.00 |
| Progressive Class | 16 | 13.50 |
| Friendly Class | 18 | 3.80 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 4.75 |
| | 209 | $ 61.88 |

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The temptations and evils of human society have ruined many men. Jesus loved the good and the bad people, and He lived with the motley crowd. Love is a desire for the good of another. Jesus loved all men and tried to do good to them. If we really love the Lord's people, we will want to be with them in the Lord's House and worship with them in spirit and in truth. Each would want to do his part if he loved God and Church and people. The slacker who habitually uses the Lord's Day for pleasure, leaving the Church work for the faithful few, is lacking in love. And he who lacks love lacks the greatest thing in Christianity. Paul affirms that; if a man has everything else but still lacks love, he is nothing. Many persons are too selfish to accept duty and responsibility. Only love does that.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Last Sunday afternoon, John Merrill, Jr. and I attended the planning commission for the District I Fall Retreat to be held at Camp Barbee September 25 and 26. This year the retreat will be held on Saturday and Sunday instead of Friday and Saturday. The total cost for the meet is $4.00. You have to get your name in early if you plan to attend. There will be an advance registration fee of $1.00 per person that will not be refunded if you decide not to go.

The theme of my message next Sunday is "THE CHURCH'S ESSENTIAL MESSAGE." In times like these the Church ought to be saying something. In fact, there never has been an age when the Church was NOT supposed to be saying something. Strange, but many people in our world believe that the Church has lost the right to say something. There are those who believe that what the Church has to say is irrelevant and meaningless.

Has the Church's message changed from the one that it was divinely commissioned to preach before it was born? Can a message 2,000 years old have any bearing on life in this century? If the world stands for another 2,000 years, will the message be the same for that day and age? Can the Church be silent and still be the Church? We will be thinking about these questions during the Worship Hour next Sunday morning. Join with us for the study hour at 9:15 A.M.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1965

8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Worship
9:15 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services .. Infants & Children through 5 years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday and Thursday .. 7:00 P.M.

BOY SCOUTS .. Every Friday .. 7:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN .....
Sanctuary Choir - September 9 - 7:30
High School - September 9 - 6:15 PM
Junior Choir - September 12 - 5:00 PM

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We urge all Choirs to make note of these dates and times and plan to be present at the first rehearsals. The 10:30 A.M. Worship Service will be broadcast over WKJG during the month of September.

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Some people thank God for the open Bible who never bother to open it.

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doing the will of our heavenly Father. Pray for us! Pray for the Colony of God to which you belong! Pray for the nation and her leaders! Pray for the will of God to be done on earth as it is done in heaven!

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Sunday's Sermon:
"THE CHURCH'S ESSENTIAL MESSAGE"

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August 15, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 286 |
| Church School Attendance | 209 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 891.95 |
| Church School Offering | 61.88 |
| Building Fund Offering | 1.05 |
| U.C.F.A. | 3.00 |
| | $ 957.88 |

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## AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Eural Rose is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Room 206.

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CONGRATULATIONS: Larry Ganter, until recently one of our fine young men son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Ganter, won an Air Force ROTC Award on the basis of academic records and test scores, and Board interview results. Larry now lives in Indianapolis and is a Junior at Butler University. He was selected by Air Force officials and Butler Faculty members, for recognition.




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## AND NOW TO THE WORK OF THE LORD .....

Let me take a few lines to express our gratitude for the weeks away from the office. Our vacation period took us to Christmount, in the mountains of North Carolina, where I preached each morning during the Christmount Week. It was a wonderful period of study and refreshment, of both body and soul. Then we made the journey up through the lovely Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to the home of my parents in the mountains of Pennsylvania, where in the evenings we took the children to the mountains to watch the deer grazing in the fields bordering the forest. We thank you for these quiet days of refreshment to our bodies and spirits. We hope that each of you have had a summer of quiet, refreshing days and are ready for the work of the Lord. We hope to work harder, to go deeper, and to draw nearer to our blessed Lord during the coming months. With your help we will make this the busiest, happiest, and most successful year for our Lord.

September will be "ROUND-UP" time in our Church and Bible School. Each of the Bible School Classes will be emphasizing "Brand-That-Stray" time, as we seek to get back each of the members who have drifted away from their places in their class. We'll be looking for you in the ole corral .

Sunday's Sermon: "God's Self-Disclosure"

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(Monthly Group Meetings)

The KEPPLE Group will meet on Tuesday, September 7, at 9:00 A.M. with Mrs. Charles Ludwig, 2722 Glencairn. Program by Mrs. Ludwig; Worship by Mrs. George Duncan.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Scott, 1617 Edgewater Av. Tuesday, September 7, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Hugh Rice; Worship by Mrs. Harry Imbody. (Any members of the Esther Circle are welcome to come.)

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Crouse, 6502 S.Calhoun St. on Wednesday, September 8 at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Hunt; Worship by Mrs. W.E. Taylor.

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WANTED - GREEN STAMPS !!

The Sanctuary Choir members are soliciting Green stamps . These stamps will be used to secure Hand Bells for the Church. It will take about 250 books of stamps in order to get these Hand Bells, so if 250 families in our Church would donate one book we would have enough stamps for this purpose. The Hand Bells can be purchased for around $700.00!

Those who wish to give a book or a part of a book for this project, please leave them in the Church office, or give them to Mr. Wetzel, or any member of the Sanctuary Choir. Thank you

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CWF - GROUP MEETING .....

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. John Williams, 4017 Indiana Ave on Wednesday, September 8, at 8:00 PM. Program by Mrs. Williams; Worship by Mrs. Harold Crowder.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
Officers serving September 5, 1965

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Service -
J. Fred Smell
John Barbre

10:30 A.M. Service -
William R. Love
Walter C.Birkhold

DEACONS: September 5 & 12

8:00 A.M. Service -
John Varner
Thomas Thornbury
Rufus Quinn
James Heavin

10:30 A.M. Service -
Romane Cole
Donald Hogan
Vernon Moore
Virgil Montgomery
Paul Wilcoxson
Orie McDougle - Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS:

Paul Kenline
Leland Higgins
Herman Weber
George Davis
Sidney Cowen
Jefferson Young
Dr. James Ruble

DEACONESSES: September 5, 12, 19

Mrs. Rolland Ripple
Mrs. Louis Culbertson

COFFEE HOUR - September

'58 Class

September 10 to 12, Barbee Lake Camp Indiana CMF Retreats, 1965 - Theme: "Beyond Words - Power". Total cost of each Retreatis $8.50 per person. Registration $3.00 - pre-registration $2.00. Make your check payable to: The Association of Christian Churches in Indiana 212 So.Downey. Indpls. 46219. Dept. of Men's Work.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
August 29, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 9 | .71 |
| Nursery | 18 | 1.28 |
| Kindergarten | 18 | 1.23 |
| Primary | 32 | 1.76 |
| Juniors | 24 | 4.50 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 10 | 1.05 |
| 8th Grade | 7 | .65 |
| 9th Grade | 5 | .70 |
| High School Class | 14 | 3.20 |
| Young Adults | 4 | 3.25 |
| '58 Class | 8 | 8.50 |
| Berean Class | 8 | 2.75 |
| Come Double Class | 14 | 3.15 |
| Progressive Class | 29 | 17.75 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 3.41 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 3.50 |
| | 236 | $ 57.39 |

RADIO STATION WANE, Fort Wayne, is planning a special program for Christmas Day to enable families to broadcast greetings to their loved ones stationed overseas. These greetings will be transcribed in the studios of WANE, 2915 W. State Blvd., from 1:00 to 1:30 PM, Sunday, September 12. If possible the station would like you to call indicating your intention to be there on the 12th.

Directions for preparing greetings.... We would like to have each mother, wife or father write them in the form of a letter consisting of around 200 words. please do not make any reference to weather conditions, branch of service your loved one is in, his location, assembly for embarkation, actual embarkation. You may tell general family news and items of information interesting to your loved one. There is no charge for this very fine service.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Many of you will rejoice to know that Jimmie Ireland is going away next week to spend his first year at Johnson Bible College. Jimmie will be preparing for the Christian Ministry as he enters this great institution. We pray that God will bless and guide him in all of his footsteps. Remember this young man in your prayers as he begins a new life of service to Christ and the world that will perish without His message. May his example inspire others to walk that way for Christ!

Next Sunday at the Church School Hour we will be giving people in our adult classes an opportunity to indicate their preferences for the class(elective) that will be offered through the Church School. We will be studying in four areas of interest. They are:

1) Being Christian in Our Time - Teacher - Richard Vanderwall
2) A History of the Christian Church - Teacher - Jack E. Weicker
3) Understanding The Bible - Teacher - W. Jack Williams
4) The Life of Christ - Teacher - Harold W. Crowder

The course will begin on the first Sunday in October and continue through that quarter on a trial basis. Your support and enthusiasm are needed to make it successful. More details will be coming your way via personal letter. See you Sunday.

John W. Williams
Associate Minister

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The University of the People is the Sunday School. -- David Lloyd George

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1965

8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. . . . Worship

9:15 to 10:20 A.M. . . . Church School

(Nursery for all Services . . Infants & Children through 5 years)

Our 10:30 A.M. Worship Services will be broadcast over WANE RADIO for the month of September beginning next Sunday morning.

VISITATION EVANGELISM

Wednesday and Thursday . . 7:00 P.M.

BOY SCOUTS . . Every Friday . . 7:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN . . . . .

Sanctuary Choir - September 9 - 7:30

High School - September 9 - 6:15 PM

Junior Choir - September 12 - 5:00 PM

We urge our Choir members to make a note of these dates and times and plan to be present at the first rehearsals.

August 29, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 307 |
| Church School Attendance | 236 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1559.25 |
| Church School Offering | 57.39 |
| Building Fund Offering | 100.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 8.10 |
| | 1724.74 |

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U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 50,873.17

## AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Ethel Allen is still in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 823.

Mrs. Hilda Brown is a patient in St. Joseph;s Hospital. Room 421. When Mrs. Brown lived in Fort Wayne, she was a faithful member here and a member of our Sanctuary Choir.

Miss Michele Coleman was in the hospital for bruises and abrasions received in an accident.

Mr. John Freed is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 242.

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## IN SYMPATHY

We wish to take this means to express our sincere sympathy to Mr. Neil Allen and family in the recent death of his father. Burial was at Markle this past Wednesday.

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Dr. Henry Lee Butler has been a patient in the Cleveland Clinic.

Our prayers go out to all these folk who have been or are in hospital, for an early and full recovery.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## "OUR ABIDING HERITAGE"

Excerpts from an address delivered at the World Convention of Christian Churches, San Juan, Puerto Rico, by W. Carl Ketcherside, Editor, Mission Messenger.

"The question of the authority of the Bible can never be divorced from that of the authorship of the Bible. Before one resolves to respect, or agrees to avoid, the authority of the Book, he must confront three questions in proper sequence. Is there a God? If so, has he communicated his thoughts to men? If he has done so, is that communication contained in the volume called "The Bible"? This is not an assembly of atheists, an association of agnostics, or a society of skeptics. It would presume upon your patience and tamper with your time to present proof of the existence of Deity. The very title of the convention affirms it to be Christian, and assumes, if it does not assure, that those who come to it, as those who come to God, must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. The longer I live and the more I meditate upon things divine, the more absurd it seems that there could be a personal God who did not communicate his wishes to the rational beings whom he designed and created to fulfill those wishes for their own happiness and his glorification. For if he did not communicate his will it would seem reasonable to deduce that either he would do so but could not or that he purposed to do what he had no power to perform he could not be God, and if he possessed potential but preferred to preserve us in ignorance of the essentials to our wellbeing he would not be God. A God of consolation must be a God of communication!"

## WANTED - GREEN STAMPS !!

It is hoped that it will be possible to organize a Hand Bell Choir this Fall and Winter, from among our young people. In order to accomplish this we will need Hand Bells. These can be secured with 250 books of Green Stamps. The Bells to buy them outright cost around $700 a set, and this price could delay our getting them. Therefore, we are soliciting the help of our members. You can help by donating a book or books of green stamps or stamps in any amount, to go toward this project.

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NOTE: We would appreciate it if parents will call the office and let us know which college their youth are attending or planning to attend. If you will give us their address we will send the Tidings.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving September 12, 1965

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Service -

Myron Cole
Robert Clipp

10:30 A.M. Service -

Charles Fuchshuber
Richard Vanderwall

DEACONS: September 12

8:00 A.M. Service -

John Varner
Thomas Thornbury
Rufus Quinn
James Heavin

10:30 A.M. Service -

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Donald Hogan
Vernon Moore
Virgil Montgomery
Paul Wilcoxson
Orie McDougle - Captain

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Herman Weber
George Davis
Sidney Cowen
Jefferson Young
Dr. James Ruble

DEACONESSES: September 12, 19

Mrs. Rolland Ripple
Mrs. Louis Culbertson

COFFEE HOUR - September

'58 Class

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This is the week-end for the Men's Retreat at Camp Barbee, September 10-12. We hope that First Christian will be represented. Total cost $8.50 per person. Registration blanks be obtained in the Church office.

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

September 5, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | .55 |
| Nursery | 15 | 1.52 |
| Kindergarten | 22 | 3.13 |
| Primary | 40 | 4.10 |
| Juniors | 28 | 7.18 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 9 | .90 |
| 8th Grade | 9 | .95 |
| 9th Grade | 6 | 1.52 |
| High School Class | 21 | 4.61 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 2.00 |
| '58 Class | 18 | 10.40 |
| Berean Class | 13 | 4.46 |
| Come Double Class | 23 | 10.25 |
| Progressive Class | 24 | 15.10 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 3.00 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 4.00 |
| Totals | 245 | $ 73.61 |

## PROMOTION DAY!

Church School Promotion exercises will be held on Friday evening, October 1st at 7:30 at the Church. All parents and students are invited to attend. This is an opportunity for parents to meet and get acquainted with the teachers and students will also want to know their new teacher.

## NOTES!

Mrs. Eural G. Rose wishes to take this means to thank those in the Church for the get-well cards, flowers, visits, and phone calls she received during her recent stay in the hospital."

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Mrs. Arthur Mowery wishes to thank all her friends in the Church for their prayers, cards, calls, and good wishes she received during her stay in the hospital.

Mr. Robert Ogles underwent surgery in Lutheran Hospital on Tuesday of this week. He is in room 220.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Did you register last Sunday for one of the four new class opportunities that are being offered this Fall Quarter in the Church School? You certainly will want to take care of that item next Sunday as soon as you arrive at Church School. To give you an idea of what is being offered, here are the courses and the instructors:

"His tory of the Disciples of Christ"
Mr. J. E. Weicker
"Understanding the Bible"
Dr. Jack Williams
"The Life of Christ"
Dr. Harold Crowder
"Being Christian in Our Time"
Mr. Richard Vanderwall

Beginning the first Sunday in October all adult classes will proceed to their regular class rooms for the purpose of conducting business. After that they will continue to the class that they have selected. There are two key factors that will make this new venture a success. They are (1) PREPARATION and (2) PROMPTNESS.

Copies of the te xt books will be made available here at the Church. You are urged to bring your BIBLE with you to Church School. We will be measuring all that is taught in the light of what the BIBLE SAYS.

See you and your family in Church and Church School.

John W. Williams,
Associate Minister

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To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.

-- Theodore Roosevelt

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

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(Nursery for all Services .. Infants & Children through 5 years)

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CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN .....
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Junior Choir - September 12 - 5:00 P.M.

We urge our choir members to plan to be present at the first rehearsals.

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### ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mr. William J. Lehman is in hospital and will undergo surgery this Friday.

September 5, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 299 |
| Church School Attendance | 245 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1673.70 |
| Church School Offering | 73.61 |
| Building Fund Offering | 24.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 35.10 |
| | $ 1806.41 |

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U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 50,123.17

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(Monthly Group Meetings)

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield Ave., Monday evening, September 13 at 8:00. Ass't hostess, Mrs. S.E. Merriman; Program, Miss Verna Sullivan Worship by Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Harold Nordblom, 1101 Hamilton, Tuesday evening, September 14 at 8:00. Program by Mrs. Edwin Hall; Worship, Mrs. James Ruble.

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### PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will have a Class picnic this coming Sunday, September 12, at Shoaff Park, (Conklin Pavolion) They will eat about 4:30 but members and friends are urged to come earlier and visit. Bring your table service and two dishes of food.

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Sermon Subject:
"False God's Must Go"




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## AREAS OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN

A unique opportunity for growth and enlightenment for our Church members. No effort should be spared in getting every member of our church family into these study classes. You are neither too young nor too old. Help make this the greatest advance in Christian learning we have ever known. Come, and bring another with you.

(1) The Life of Jesus - This is a study of the GOSPELS which will result in a first hand acquaintance with the record of Jesus' life. A New Testament will be the prime textbook. Teacher, Harold Crowder.

(2) The Bible - In this area of study six main concerns will be lifted up and studied separately with the whole of the Bible being looked at. The six themes will be the ideas of God - Man - Right and wrong - Suffering - Fellowship with God - and Immortality. Teacher, Jack Williams.

(3) Being Christian in Our Time - This is a study of the issues confronting each one of us in this turbulent age in the light of the Christian faith. This seeks to provide a systematic and comprehensive study of God's redemptive action in Jesus Christ. The aim is to help you become "intelligent, responsible, and committed disciples!' knowing the faith you seek to live, and helping you to live the faith we profess to believe, Teacher, Richard Vanderwall.

(4) Doctrine and Thought of the Disciples of Christ - This is designed to explain what the Disciples of Christ believe and practice. It will deal with the Church - the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, etc. Teacher, Jack Weicker.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
### General Monthly Meeting

The CWF General meeting will be held September 21, at 8:00 PM. A short business session for the purpose of adopting the budget for 1965-66 will be held. The program, "Our Missionary Partners" will be given by the Higdon Group. The worship by Nelson Group; Hostesses, Fellowship Guild. "Birthday Party" is the motif for the refreshment and fellowship hour.

The Executive Committee will meet prior to the general meeting at 7:15 P.M. in the Chapel.

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## SALAD SMORGASBORD

The Dye and McGavran Groups will have a smorgasbord Tuesday, October 5, at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall. The program, "Tour With A Purpose" will follow with Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brown of Downey Avenue Christian Church in Indianapolis showing pictures and will tell the story of their tour of our Mission stations in the Near and Far East, and of Church World Service in those areas. We are all involved in the World Outreach program of our church. Come and see what your prayers and your money has done and is doing in these outposts of Christianity. All women of the church and their friends are invited. Also all men who can arrange it are invited to come. Luncheon $1.00 Reservations must be made by Friday, October 1; Call Mrs. Lillian Scott, 743-3976; Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich, 742-4853; Mrs. Wm. Crouse, 745-2635; or Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, 456-1077. There will be a sitter in the Nursery for pre-schoolers.

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## INTER-FAITH CLASSES!

Sponsored by the Fort Wayne Council of United Church Women at the YMCA.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
### Officers Serving September 19, 1965

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Service -

George R. Bruckman
John E. Merrill

10:30 A.M. Service -

William E. Franklin
Rolland R. Ripple

DEACONS: September 19 & 26

8:00 A.M. Service

Robert Hendricks
Robert Schubel
John F. Hechler
Edwin R. Hall

10:30 A.M. Service -

D. Wayne Penny
Ted Bryan
Robert Rogers
Jack Sweeney
Cliff Travis
Robert Westerfield
Walter J. Williams
John E. Black - Captain

ALTERNATES:

Robert Perkins
Robert Ogles
A.E. Huddleston
Howard Howell
Edward M. Smith
Charles Speicher
Bruce Stone

DEACONESSES: September 19

Mrs. Rolland Ripple
Mrs. Louis Culbertson

COFFEE HOUR - September '58 Class

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Choice of Monday or Wednesday PM. Meeting every 2 weeks for 4 sessions, beginning third week in September. Advance registration necessary - call either: Mrs. Joseph Cunningham, 745-3605, or, Mrs. Victor Stech, 456-1945.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
September 12, 1965

| | att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 8 | .60 |
| Nursery | 21 | 2.14 |
| Kindergarten | 21 | 2.66 |
| Primary | 41 | 3.19 |
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| Berean Class | 9 | 3.55 |
| Come Double Class | 18 | 8.00 |
| Progressive Class | 36 | 18.00 |
| Friendly Class | 18 | 3.86 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 5.75 |
| Totals | 290 | $75.24 |

PROMOTION DAY!

Church School Promotion exercises will be held on Friday, October 1st at 7:30 PM. at the Church. All parents and students are invited to attend.

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NOTES!

J. Fred Smell has entered the Hospital for surgery.

Glenn R. Miller is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

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RUSSIAVILLE CHURCH - BENEFITTED

From the $16,145.33 collected by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne for Tornado Disaster Relief, we are happy to learn that our church at Russiaville (completely destroyed) will receive $3500.00 to help rebuild the church. The Russiaville Baptist Church, Linn Grove EUB Church, and Kokomo Church of the Brethren are the other churches being assisted from the fund.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

The Christian Youth Fellowship of our Church will be participating with others from this District in the Fall Youth Retreat to be held at Camp Barbee, September 25 and 26. This year the retreat is being held on Saturday and Sunday instead of Friday and Saturday as in the past.

Our CYF is responsible for the opening worship on Saturday afternoon. A good one is being planned by the CYF Worship Chairman. A good retreat is the result of a good beginning, and we want to do our best to add inspiration for these two days. All young people who are interested in attending are urged to make your reservation with John Merrill this coming Sunday morning at Church School. It will be impossible for you to attend if you do not register in advance! The registration fee is $4.00 for meals and lodging.

ATTENTION ALL ADULTS! You have two more Sundays to decide which one of the four classes you will attend. Get your last week's TIDINGS for the names of the teachers and courses that are being offered. You will find that this new adventure in learning will open new highways into your life. Get registered this Sunday!

REMEMBER: Promotion Night is Friday, October 1, 1965. PLEASE SAVE THIS NIGHT FOR THE CHURCH. See you Sunday in Church School and Worship Hour.

John W. Williams,
Associate Minister

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INTER=FAITH LUNCHEON Thursday November 18, 1965

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High School - Thursday - 6:30 P.M.
Junior Choir - Sundays - 5;00 P.M.

BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday.. 7:00 PM

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WANTED - GREEN STAMPS!!

Remember- The Choir has a real project of collecting stamps to be redeemed for Hand Bells. We solicit our members for books or parts of books of stamps for this project. You may give your stamps to any member of the Sanctuary Choir, or to Mrs. Claire Schryver who is acting as chairman for the collecting of stamps, or you may mail them to the church office. To date they have received 20 books. We appreciate and thank those who have contributed thus far.

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PARENTS - Please call in the address of your youth who are away at college and we will send them the Tidings each week.

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SUNDAY'S SERMON:
"ETERNAL EXPECTATIONS"

September 12, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 399 |
| Church School Attendance | 290 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1422.37 |
| Church School Offering | 75.24 |
| Building Fund Offering | 18.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 17.20 |
| | $ 1532.81 |

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"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## AREAS OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN

AGAIN WE WISH TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THESE CLASSES WHICH WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 3rd AT 9:20 A.M. IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL: These series of lessons are unique opportunities for growth and enlightenment. Come, and bring another with you.

(1) THE LIFE OF JESUS - This is a study of the GOSPELS which will result in a first hand acquaintance with the record of Jesus' life. A New Testament will be the prime textbook. Teacher, Harold Crowder.

(2) THE BIBLE - In this area a study of six main concerns will be lifted up and studied separately with the whole of the Bible being looked at. The six themes will be the ideas of God - Man - Right and Wrong - Suffering - Fellowship with God - and Immortality. Teacher, Jack Williams.

(3) BEING A CHRISTIAN IN OUR TIME - This is a study of the issues confronting each one of us in this turbulent age in the light of the Christian faith. This seeks to provide a systematic and comprehensive study of God's redemptive action in Jesus Christ. The aim is to help you become "intelligent, Responsible and committed disciples!" knowing the faith you seek to live, and helping you to live the faith we profess to believe. Teacher, Richard Vanderwall.

(4) DOCTRINE AND THOUGHT OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST - This is designed to explain what the Disciples of Christ believe and practice. It will deal with the Church - the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, etc. Teacher, Jack Weicker.

TIME CHANGE !!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1965

EARLY SERVICE - 8:15 - 9:10 AM

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:20 - 10:20 A.M.

SECOND SERVICE - 10:30 A.M.

## SALAD SMORGASBORD

The Dye and McGavran Groups will have a smorgasbord Tuesday, October 5, at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall. The program, "Tour With A Purpose" will follow with Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brown of Downey Avenue Christian Church in Indianapolis, showing pictures. They will tell the story of their tour of our Mission stations in the Near and Far East, and of Church World Service in those areas. We are all involved in the World Outreach program of our Church. Come and see what your prayers and your money has done and is doing in these outposts of Christianity. All women of the church and their friends are invited. Also all men who can arrange it are invited to come.

Luncheon $1.00

Reservations must be made by Friday, October 1: Call Mrs. Lillian Scott, 743-3976; Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich, 742-4853; Mrs. Wm. Crouse, 745-2635; Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, 456-1077; or the Church office. 744-3239.

**There will be a sitter in the Nursery for pre-schoolers.**

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## NOTES

**We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. James Cain and her family in the recent loss of her step-father Mr. Henry C. Ludwig.**

Your child needs to [illegible]

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving September 26, 1965

ELDERS:

8:00 A.M. Service

Floyd E. Morrical

Ronald McVay

10:30 A.M. Service

Bueford Tharp

David A. Griggs

DEACONS:

8:00 A.M. Service

Robert Hendricks

Robert Schubel

John F. Hechler

Edwin R. Hall

10:30 A.M. Service

D. Wayne Penny

Ted Bryan

Robert Rogers

Jack Sweeney

Cliff Travis

Robert Westerfield

Walter J. Williams

John E. Black, Captain

ALTERNATES:

Robert Perkins

Robert Ogles

A. E. Huddleston

Howard Howell

Edward M. Smith

Charles Speicher

Bruce Stone

DEACONESSES: September 26 - October 3, 10.

Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad

Mrs. Wm. Crouse

**COFFEE HOUR - September '58 Class**

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**Anyone needing an occasional baby-sitter during morning hours, please call Peggy Buskirk, 448-3325.**

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Dr. Williston Walker, in his book, "A HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH" says, "Christianity entered no empty world. It's advent found men's minds filled with conceptions of the universe, of religion, of sin, and of rewards and punishments, with which it had to reckon and to which it had to adjust itself. Christianity could not build on virgin soil!" And it has ever been so, I might add. The world in which we live today is not much different than that one in which eleven men, captured by a vision went out to conquer a world. If Christian faith is to capture the world for Christ, it will not be because we slipped in where some pagan philosophy defaulted and permitted us to fill a vacuum.

Christian faith must possess a militant characteristic. We must once again gird up our loins with the truth of Jesus Christ and march out to conquer with love as our only weapon. We must recapture the spirit, or more truthfully, be captured by the Spirit of God, that led men to compose such hymns as, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

The greatest battle today is the battle for the minds men and women. The pagan philosophies are on the march! They don't care about the grown-ups. They want the minds of the children as their spoils of war. The Church of Jesus Christ is best able to train and nourish these little minds for such a time as this. Don't sit back and say, "I'm going to let my child grow up and make his own decision. Those who oppose Godliness, those who are arrayed against Christianity will never agree to such a statement. Your child needs to be in Church School this and every Sunday. John W. Williams.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

September 19, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 7 | 1.11 |
| " Nursery | 20 | 1.83 |
| Kindergarten | 21 | 2.66 |
| Primary | 37 | 3.35 |
| Juniors | 37 | 6.51 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 8 | 1.11 |
| 8th Grade | 11 | 1.30 |
| 9th Grade | 9 | 1.25 |
| High School Class | 18 | 2.30 |
| Young Adults | 3 | 4.00 |
| '58 Class | 21 | 11.00 |
| Berean Class | 8 | 4.20 |
| Come Double Class | 25 | 9.50 |
| Progressive Class | 20 | 8.10 |
| Friendly Class | 18 | 3.25 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 4.25 |
| Totals | 273 | 67.21 |

## PROMOTION DAY!

TO REMIND YOU! Church School Promotion exercises will be held on Friday October 1st at 7:30 PM. at the Church. The pupils and their parents are urged to attend.

## Church LIBRARY -

"There are several books that have been out of the Church Library for six (6) months and more. We would appreciate their return so that other people may have an opportunity to read them."

Mrs. Quinn, Librarian.

**SHARE YOUR GREEN STAMPS with the Sanctuary choir, who are collecting them to be redeemed for a set of 25 HAND BELLS to be used for our enjoyment by various groups in the church. Full books, partially filled books, or stamps in any number will be appreciated. Mrs. Claire Schryver is chairman of this project. See her!**

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1965

8:00 & 10:30 A.M. ... Worship

9:15 to 10:20 A.M. /// Church School

(Nursery for all Services -- Infants & Children through 5 years)

Our 10:30 A.M. Worship Services are being broadcast over WGL RADIO during September.

### TIME CHANGE ! !

Beginning October 3rd (First Sunday in month) the time for services will be changed to:

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. ...Worship

9:20 to 10:20 ... Church School

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday and Thursday .. 7:00 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 PM
High School - Thursday, 6:30 P.M.
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.

BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday .. 7:00 PM

September 19, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 320 |
| Church School Attendance | 273 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1037.84 |
| Church School Offering | 67.21 |
| Building Fund Offering | 1.00 |
| | $ 1126.05 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
TO THE
BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 53,882.01

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 50,123.17

### IN HOSPITAL

Lowell Gorman underwent surgery at Parkview early this week.

Carl Ludwig, father of Charles (Bud) Ludwig, is quite ill in Parkview .

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### STORK NEWS

A little girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frappier on September 15, '65.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wittmer.

Congratulations to these fine folk.

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### MEN's MEETING!

The Monday Noon men's meeting will again meet at the Y.M.C.A. beginning Monday, October 4th. All men of the church are invited to join the men in this hour of meditation and discussion.

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BEGINNERS WORKSHOP begins October 3rd.. Mrs. Ted Bryan, leader.

JUNIOR CHURCH begins October 3rd.. under the direction of Brother John Williams.




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## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Remember our order of service begins a new time schedule this Sunday:

8:15 to 9:10 A.M. Early Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 A.M. The Church at Study

10:30 to 11:30 A.M. Morning Worship

Here is one of the grandest opportunities for taking a real look at your Christian Faith. During the Bible School Hour four study courses (with the Church providing a guide book) will be offered in 4 related fields: -

1. The Life of Christ (Teacher: Mr. Harold Crowder)
2. Understanding the Bible (Teacher: Mr. Jack Williams)
3. Being Christian in Our Time (Teacher: Mr. Richard Vanderwall
4. Doctrine and Thought of Disciples of Christ -Origin and teachings of the Christian Church (Teacher: Mr. Jack Weicker)

This can prove to be the most exciting adventure in Christian learning we have yet attempted! Let's all plan on coming, and bring another couple with you for this wonderful opportunity for Christian learning.

Sermon: "Windows Opening Godward"

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

PLEASE RESERVE NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT October 1, for the Promotion Night at our Church. This will be a good time to come and get acquainted with your child's new teacher and see where his new class room will be. Of exceptional interest is the yearly awards for perfect attendance. You will be amazed at the number of years that some young people have attended without missing. Look elsewhere in this issue for the time.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE BEGINNING OF THE FALL SESSION OF JUNIOR CHURCH Services will be held in the Church Parlor for all young people who are in 4, 5, and 6 grades. These services will be conducted with much the same worship order as the services in the Sanctuary, but they will be geared to the thinking of children this age.

The service will be held during the second Worship Service and parents may pick up their children following the Benediction each Sunday. We are fortunate in having Mrs. Sarah Davis to assist us with the worship. She serves as pianist and director of the Junior Choir. We are also grateful to Mr. Wetzel for rehearsing them each Sunday evening at 5:00 P.M.

Perhaps you would like to compare notes with your children when you get home. It will be an interesting experience for you to find out what spiritual growth is taking place. Maybe you will have something to share from your experience in worship. We'll be counting on you for your co-operation.

John Williams, Associate Minister

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

September 26, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 6 | .47 |
| Nursery | 20 | 2.28 |
| Kindergarten | 27 | 2.97 |
| Primary | 42 | 3.74 |
| Juniors | 33 | 6.66 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 8 | .85 |
| 8th Grade | 12 | 1.03 |
| (9th Grade | 9 | .50 |
| High School Class | 15 | 1.85 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 24 | 7.45 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 2.75 |
| Come Double Class | 22 | 9.25 |
| Progressive Class | 30 | 14.81 |
| Friendly Class | 22 | 4.46 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 5.00 |
| Totals | 294 | $ 65.07 |

## PROMOTION DAY!

FINAL REMINDER: Church School promotion exercises will be held this Friday night October 1, at 7:30. Pupils and parents are urged to be present.

## CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

CYF will begin promptly at 5:00 PM. this Sunday with a half-hour snack period, Program and worship will follow. Starting November 7, we will also take part in the School for Christian Living Vesper program. We need your participation and support.

John Merrill, Jr.

## COME DOUBLE CLASS PICNIC

The Come Double Class Annual picnic will be held at Foster Park, Pavilion #3 at 4:00 PM. Bring table service and a covered dish. The Class will furnish chicken and drinks.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving October 3, 1965

EDLERS:

8:15 A.M. Service

Walter C. Birkhold
William H. Crouse

10:30 A.M. Service

James H. Naile
Robert Rayl

DEACONS: October 3, 10.

8:15 A.M. Service

Melvin Foster
Garland Morrolf
Carl D. Linn
F. Wayne Rousseau

10:30 A.M. Service

Ben G. Taylor
Donald Smith
William J. Lehman
Cecil Beck
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Herdis Helmuth
Robert Urich, Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS:

Homer Stevenson
Walter Keebortz
Dempsey Weaver
Andrew Cook
John M. Peterson
Lawrence Horn
Hendricks Love
Hugh Bassett

DEACONESSES: October 3, 10

Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad
Mrs. Wm. Crouse

COFFEE HOUR - October

Progressive Class

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Anyone needing a baby-sitter occasionally during the morning hours, please call Mrs. Peggy Buskirk, 448-3325/

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

(Monthly Group Meetings-October)

The McGAVRAN Group will assist with the Smorgasbord, Tuesday, October 5, Prayer by Mrs. Fred Wilson.

The DYE Group will also meet Tuesday October 5, at the Church, at 9:00 A.M. A short period of worship will be given by Mrs. Elmer Darwachter. The group will assist with the smorgasbord.

The KEPPLE Group will meet Tuesday, October 5, at 10:30 A.M. with Mrs. A. N. Shockney, 4840 So. Hanna St. Program by Mrs. Stanley Cole; Worship by Mrs. Charles Ludwig.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain, 2903 Capitol on Wednesday, October 6, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Dale Parkerson; Worship by Mrs. Herman Weber.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Virgil Montgomery, 716 Archer Ave., Thursday, October 7 at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Irene Cline; Worship by Mrs. H. R. Meadows.

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SALAD SMORGASBORD

Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, October 5 at 12:30. A fine program, "Tour With A Purpose" will follow with Mr. & Mrs Paul Brown of Indianapolis, showing their pictures of our mission stations and Church World Service in areas of the Far and Near East. This program should be of special interest to all of us who are involved in the World Outreach program of our Church. Please get your reservations for the luncheon in to Mrs. Lillian Scott, 743-3976; Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich, 742-4853; Mrs. Wm. Crouse, 745-2635; Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, 456-1077; or call the Church office, 744-3239 before on by Friday of this week.

Luncheon $1.00

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1965

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. ...Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School

Special series of study will begin in the Adult Classes this Sunday.

(Nursery for all Services - Infants & Children Through 5 years)

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - 10:30 A.M.
Sponsor - Mrs. Ted Bryan

JUNIOR CHURCH ... 10:30 A.M.
Sponsor - Rev. John Williams

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday nd Thursday .. 7:00 PM

C.Y.F. .... 5:00 P.M. Sunday
Chi Rho ... 5:30 P.M. Sunday
CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 PM
High School - Thursday 6:30 PM
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5:00 PM

BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday .. 7:00 PM

September 26, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 390 |
| Church School Attendance | 294 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1370.42 |
| Church School Offering | 65.07 |
| U.C.F.A. | 12.00 |
| | $ 1447.49 |

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BALANCE NOW DUE 52,928.97

U.C.F.A. BALANCE 50,123.17

## NOTES

Mr. Fred Smeil is now recuperating at his home.

Mr. Glenn Miller is much improved and back at his desk.

## MEN'S MEETING

The Monday Noon men's group will meet again at the Y.M.C.A. beginning Monday, October 4th. All men of the church are invited to join with this group in an hour of fellowship and discussion.

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## WEDDING BELLS

Mr. William Wilson cordially invites the members and friends in the Church to his wedding and reception to be on Saturday, October 2, at 6:30 P.M.

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CHI RHO HAYRIDE - Saturday night October 2, at 5:30 PM. The group to meet at the Meyers Farm on the Muldoon Rd. If transportation is needed call Mrs. H.P. Love, 745-1445, or, Mrs. Peggy Buskirk, 448-3325.

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**Volume** 24 **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** October 7, 1965 **Number** 1

## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dr. Jesse Bader used to tell how at Thomas Jefferson's mansion at Monticello, the guide would point out three things about the mansion .. the weathervane on top of the mansion, the old grandfather clock in one of the rooms, and the compass in the floor of the porch. The guide would then say, "the weathervane changes with every changing wind; the old clock changes with every tick of time; but the compass never changes because east is east and west is west, even as north is always north."

After telling this story, Dr. Bader would add, "The God in whom I believe is a timeless God. He never changes. He is the same God today which was revealed by Jesus Christ our Lord when He was on earth two thousand years ago. We can trust God to keep His commitments."

Vachel Lindsay, poet of the Christian Church, saw something of this unchanging hope in the faithfulness of God in the words:

"This is our faith tremendous
Our wild hope who shall scorn
That in the name of Jesus
The world shall be reborn."

Believe me, only the nail-pierced hands of Jesus can save our broken lives, broken homes, and the brokenness of the family of nations. Into His hands let us commit our lives.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(Monthly Group Meetings)

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Ave. Monday, October 11 , 8:00 PM. Program by Mrs. Wm. Conrad; Worship Miss Mildred Hutchinson.

The Montgomery Group will meet with Mrs. James Ruble, 7615 Breckenwood Tuesday, October 12, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Paul Yentes; Worship by Mrs. George Wascovich.

The Nelson Group will meet with Mrs. Donna Walker, 3731 So. Harrison St. Wednesday, October 13 at 7:45 PM Program by Mrs. John Williams; Worship by Mrs. Harold Crowder.

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**OUR COUNTRY, STRONG AND INDIVISIBLE.** Let us have faith. Ours is a heritage of struggle, the struggle which maintains our virility and hardihood. Those stalwart pioneers of yesteryear gaze down upon us in judgment. Conquerors of a nation, they have handed to us, not the right to enjoy, but the duty of preserving. Shall we timidly confess that the strain of a noble breed is exhausted?

No! What Americans of an earlier day could do, Americans of today can also do. The spirit of our fathers survives.

The stage is set for deeds of great moment. Go forward, America, with faith in your glorious destiny.

--The Prism

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Ypu have a dollar, we have a dollar. We swap. Now, you have our dollar and we have yours. We are no better off. You have an idea, we have an idea. We swap. Now you have two ideas and we have two ideas. And that's the difference.

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
Officers Serving October 10, 1965

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Glenn R. Miller
Alfred O. Schell

10:30 A.M. Service -
Earl A. Plummer
William Caldwell

DEACONS: October 10

8:15 A.M. Service -
Melvin Foster
Garland Morrolf
Carl D. Linn
F. Wayne Rousseau

10:30 A.M. Service -
Ben G. Taylor
Donald Smith
William J. Lehman
Cecil Beck
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Herdis Helmuth
Robert Urich, Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS:
Homer Stevenson
Walter Keebortz
Dempsey Weaver
Andrew Cook
John M. Peterson
Lawrence Horn
Hendricks Love
Hugh Bassett

DEACONESSES: October 10
Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad
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COFFEE HOUR - October
Progressive Class

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUNG PEOPLE! You are missing out on some great things that are planned for you if you don't attend the Sunday evening Christian Youth Fellowship. It is our hope that this will be the greatest year that CYF has ever had, not only in numbers, but in quality of spirit as well.

Each Sunday evening at 5:00 PM we are having a "snack-time" followed by worship, study and business. This group is just what its name suggests. It is a Christian group, first of all. And in that sense, it is a special group. It is composed of a group of young people who belong to Jesus Christ, lock, stock, and barrel. It is a group composed of young people. This is not an adult group with young people sitting on the sidelines! It is your chance to express the meaningfulness of your commitment to Jesus Christ! It is a fellowship group. The word fellowship means to share. You have an opportunity to share in the lives of fellow young people, to find and give strength to one another.

For your own personal good you need to be present for all the activities. In a sense, this is your group. But in another sense, it is not - it belongs to Jesus Christ. Your responsibility is to him. Your group will become what you make it. But make it or not, you are responsible to Jesus Christ.

True maturity, something most young people want, is a matter of accepting responsibility and discharging it. Christian Youth Fellowship is your responsibility. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT? We'll be looking for you next Sunday at 5:00 PM. when we will have the rare privilege of sharing with a young man, George Aralaya, a native of India. He will be telling of his experiences in witnessing in a society surrounded by blatant paganism.

John W. Williams.

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Sermon: "We Have This Ministry"

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

October 3, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | .47 |
| Nursery | 18 | 1.87 |
| Kindergarten | 27 | 1.68 |
| Primary | 37 | 5.26 |
| Juniors | 49 | 7.36 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 8 | 1.05 |
| 8th Grade | 12 | 1.50 |
| 9th Grade | 10 | 1.20 |
| High School Class | 28 | 2.30 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 1.00 |
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| Men's Class | 8 | 5.25 |
| Totals | 343 | 77.64 |

## PRIMARY CHURCH

On the second Sunday of the month, the children will sit in the Sanctuary with their parents UNTIL the Doxology starts, (Foster parents will be provided for children whose parents are involved in the church choir or are teaching.) The teachers in charge that Sunday will meet the children and escort them to the Primary room for Primary Church. On the Last Sunday of the month, the children will sit together with their teachers, and will retire for Primary Church during the singing of the Doxology.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1965

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. ... Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. ... Church School

152 adults were in attendance for the four special series classes, last Sunday.

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - 10:30 A.M.
Sponsor - Mrs. Ted Bryan

JUNIOR CHURCH ... 10:30 A.M.
Sponsor ... Rev. John Williams
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High School - Thursday 6:30 P.M.
Junior Choir - Sundays, 5:00 PM

BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM

October 3, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 419 |
| Church School Attendance | 343 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1718.28 |
| Church School Offering | 77.64 |
| Building Fund | 25.50 |
| U.C.F.A. | 6.00 |
| | $ 1827.42 |

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CHOIR SAYS: "THANK YOU" Again this year, as in the past, the Christian Women's Fellowship undertook the expense of cleaning the choir robes and stoles. Words cannot express the deep appreciation of the Choir for this wonderful service given so freely over the years. We extend our sincere thanks to our ladies.

-- Sanctuary Choir

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OUR LOST SHEEP! ... There are too many missing from among our members. We are having too few choir members present on Sunday, doing the work that many should be doing. We want and need all of our old members and many new members to share in Christian Fellowship and service to our church thru music. We sincerely urge you to become active again. See you at practice Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

-- Sanctuary Choir

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Too many petty causes get too much loyalty.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Volume 24 Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 14, 1965 Number 2

## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Looking over sermon and reading notes in a file I hadn't opened in 10 years I came across the following notations which I feel can serve as points to ponder in these days:—

America cannot be saved by either the college, the club, or by congress, but only by Christ! You cannot save the world by education, legislation, or civilization, but only by spiritual regeneration.

I want an old-fashioned religion, that pins its faith to an old-fashioned cross, on an old-fashioned hill called Calvary.

If your religion has not changed you, change your religion.

The world does not need an outer calm, it needs an inner Christ; not an outside force but an inside faith; not an outer coercion but an inner Conviction.

And here is the prayer for the week, written so long ago by Dr. Frank Fort Newton: "Our Father, each day is a little life, each night a tiny death. Help us to live with faith and hope and love. Lift our daily duty above drudgery; let not our strength fail, or the vision fade, in the heat and burden of the day. O God make us patient and pitiful one with another in the fret and jar of life, remembering that each fights a hard fight and walks a lonely way.

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday, October 19 . . . . . .

The ladies of the CWF will make their annual trip to the Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion, Indiana, leaving the church at 12 Noon. Those needing transportation, please contact Mrs. Quinn, 748-8985, or Mrs. Wm. Love, 744-1615. There will be a box in the entrance of the South-west doors for donations. For the information of all our church members, this is the annual HARVEST INGATHERING for the Home at Marion, and all are invited to share. Those wishing to give money may leave it at the Church Office or get it to Mrs. Rufus Quinn, Service Director, or to Mrs. William Love, CWF President. The program and worship to be given at the Home will be under the direction of the Executive Committee. Any one wishing to make this trip to Marion are cordially invited to come along. This is one of our Brotherhood supported Homes.

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## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

An Inter-Faith luncheon is being planned for Thursday, November 18, to be held in the Scottish Rite Banquet Hall.

The President's Luncheon will be Oct. 18 at the Trinity Episcopal Church. Speaker, Mrs. Merton Good, President Indiana Council U.C.W. Lunch $1.00 by reservation only. Call Mrs. Gordon Collins, 426-8773.

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## RUMMAGE SALE - October 29-30.

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You may bring your rummage to the Rummage room, Liberty Press Bldg., as early as 6:00 P.M. on Thursday eve. Or bring it to the Church before the 30th. Mrs. Wagner, Chrmn.

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RESTRUCTURE -What Is It?????????

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving October 17, 1965

ELDERS:

8:15 A. M. Service -

Earl Plummer
Charles Fuchshuber

10:30 A.M. Service -

John Barbre
William Love

DEACONS: October 17, 24

8:15 A.M. Service -

John Varner
Thomas Thornbury
Rufus Quinn
James Heavin

10:30 A.M. Service -

Romane Cole
Donald Hogan
Vernon Moore
Virgil Montgomery
Paul Wilcoxson
Orie McDougle, Captain

ALTERNATES:

Paul Kenline
Leland Higgins
Herman Weber
George Davis
Sidney Cowen
Jefferson Young
Dr. James Ruble

DEACONESSES: October 17, 24, 31

Mrs. Harold Nordblom
Mrs. W. J. Williams

COFFEE HOUR - October

Progressive Class

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NOTES: Mrs. Charles Lee Green is a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Rm. 471.

Mrs. Ollie Wiley suffered a broken hip on last Friday and is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 208. Mrs. Wiley is the mother of Mrs. Homer Stevenson.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
October 10, 1965

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 9 | .49 |
| Nursery | 17 | 1.68 |
| Kindergarten | 22 | 3.11 |
| Primary | 38 | 4.10 |
| Juniors | 47 | 8.58 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 8 | -- |
| 8th Grade | 14 | 2.84 |
| 9th Grade | 10 | 1.60 |
| High School Class | 26 | 3.69 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 1.70 |
| '58 Class | 30 | 15.00 |
| Berean Class | 14 | 3.00 |
| Come Double Class | 22 | 11.00 |
| Progressive Class | 33 | 13.95 |
| Friendly Class | 21 | 3.85 |
| Men's Class | 7 | 2.50 |
| Totals | 319 | $ 77.09 |

## PRIMARY CHURCH

On the second Sunday of each month, the Primary children will sit in the Sanctuary with their parents UNTIL the Doxology starts. Pews will be roped off to accommodate parents and children.

On the last Sunday of each month, the children will sit together with their teachers (in a roped off area) and will retire for Primary Church during the singing of the Doxology.

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Alan Sigrist has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital since last week. She is in room 418. She is steadily improving and hopes to go home soon.

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Mr. Ludwig, Bud Ludwig's father, is still in Parkview, and quite ill.

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We were happy to note that Fred Smell was able to worship with us last Sunday.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

It isn't too late to get started in one of the four new classes that are being offered this fall. If you haven't already done so, please get in one this coming Sunday. In case you are not familiar with the procedure in Church School, all adults will go to their regular class room for offering and attendance checking. After that, at the sound of the buzzer, you go immediately to the class with the study you have chosen. It won't be hard to find, since there are signs indicating the room your class will meet in.

JUNIOR CHURCH WILL MEET this coming Sunday in the Church Parlor at the 10:30 AM Worship Hour. This experience is provided for children of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE of Junior and Senior High are urged to be present this coming Sunday evening for Chi Rho and Christian Youth Fellowship at 5:00 PM. We are asking the parents to please cooperate with us in getting your child to the youth meetings.

It was a real thrill to see so many last Sunday evening. We are growing and we will continue to grow when we put Christ first. The young people need Christ as much as adults, and only young people can win others to Him. It was good to see that some people had guests with them last Sunday. I'm sure all of us were inspired by the young man from India, John George. His witness for Christ is inspiring.

John W. Williams,
Associate Minister

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

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9:20 to 10:20 A.M. ..Church School

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Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM.

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High School - Thursday 6:30 AM
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5.00 PM.

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP _ 10:30 A.M.
Sponsor - Mrs. Ted Bryan

JUNIOR CHURCH - 10:30 A.M.
Sponsor - Rev. John Williams

C.Y.F. meet at 5:00 P.M. Sundays

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(Nursery for all Services - Infants & Children through 5 years)

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From the Pastor's Study- from Page -1-

"Forgive us, O Lord, if we have hurt our fellow souls; teach us a gentler tone, a sweeter charity of words, and a more healing touch. Sustain us, O God, when we must face sorrow; give us courage for the day and hope for the morrow. Day unto day may we lay hold of Thy hand and look up into Thy face, whatever befall, until our work is finished and the day is done. In His Name. Amen."

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Sunday's Sermon:
"Finding God in Unlikely Places."

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October 10, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 401 |
| Church School Attendance | 319 |
| Regular Church Offering | $1702.97 |
| Church School Offering | 77.09 |
| Building Fund | 35.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 24.20 |
| | $ 1839.26 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
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IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $52,928.97

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $50,123.17

### CHOIR CHORDS

We Still Are Looking For Our Missing Choir Members. Won't YOU Come Ou Each Thursday Night at 7:45 . We Miss And Need YOU!

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### GREEN STAMPS

We now have 35 books of Green stamps toward the purchase of Hand Bells. If each family would bring ONE Book and give it to any Choir member We will meet our goal. Thank You.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Yesterday was a sad day, one filled with nostalgia and reminiscences. It was a day of incredible autumnal beauty as I journeyed to Ohio for the funeral of Charles Cocherille. My mind was filled with the thoughts of life's fall and how quickly our days are spent here on earth. We act as though we had a million tomorrows here on earth to do the things we ought to be doing. Let us remember that we have but today to do His blessed will, to bring that word of comfort, to extend forgiveness and accept a new relationship in Christ. You see, a faith fit to live by, a self fit to live with, a work fit to live for, somebody to love and be loved by - THESE make life!

If we learn how to give ourselves, to forgive others, and to live with thanksgiving, we need not seek happiness - it will seek us! I believe that only one person in a thousand knows the trick of really living in the present. Most of us spend 59 minutes an hour living in the past, with regret for lost joys, or shame for things badly done (both utterly useless and weakening) - or in a future which we either long for or dread. Yet the past is gone beyond prayer, and every minute you spend in the vain effort to anticipate the future is a moment lost. There is only one world, the world pressing against you this very moment. There is only one minute in which you are alive, THIS MINUTE - here and now! The only way is by accepting each minute as an unrepeatable miracle. Which is exactly what it is - a miracle and unrepeatable!

This week I shall be in Greenwood, Mississippi, in a preaching mission for one of the young men of my ministry in Mobile, Alabama. Pray for us.

## NEW MEMBERS

During the month we have had several unite with our Church family: Miss Christine Elmore came in by confession. Mrs. Harry Lloyd and Mrs. Katrina Reddin came in by transfer of membership. We wish to welcome these folk and pray they will find a happy church home in First Christian Church.

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Small Elizabeth Block was in Lutheran Hospital for a short stay this past week.

Baby Nancy Frappier is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital. Room 912.

The mother of Mrs. Henry Lee Butler, is quite ill at her home in Wilmington.

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## IN SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Robert Cocherille and his family in the recent death of his brother, Charles Burial was Monday at London, Ohio.

Also, we wish to express our sincere sympathy to Charles Ludwig and his family, in the recent loss of his father

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## NOTES

Wedding bells rang out for Arthur P. Wilson and Sherri Cole on Saturday October 9, 1965. The young couple are at home at 7517 Bluffton Rd. We sincerely congratulate this young couple, and wish them well.

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Julie Anne, born October 5th, came to make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cook. Every good wish to Babe and parents.

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## CHOIR CHORDS

We would like many more voices in our choir. We invite those who love to sing . We need YOU!

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving October 24, 1965

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Robert Clipp
Myron Cole

10:30 A.M. Service -

J. Fred Smell
Dr. Henry Lee Butler

DEACONS: October 24

8:15 A.M. Service -

John Varner
Thomas Thornbury
Rufus Quinn
James Heavin

10:30 A.M. Service -

Romane Cole
Donald Hogan
Vernon Moore
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Paul Wilcoxson
Orie McDougle, Captain

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October 17, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | .50 |
| Nursery | 20 | 1.70 |
| Kindergarten | 23 | 2.52 |
| Primary | 43 | 4.05 |
| Juniors | 48 | 6.68 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 9 | 1.59 |
| 8th Grade | 11 | 1.80 |
| 9th Grade | 12 | .74 |
| High School Class | 36 | 5.10 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 19 | 11.00 |
| Berean Class | 15 | 4.00 |
| Come Double Class | 26 | 10.00 |
| Progressive Class | 37 | 18.50 |
| Friendly Class | 17 | 3.25 |
| Men's Class | 5 | 1.75 |
| Totals | 331 | $ 74.18 |

CONVENTION - DISTRICT ONE -
The Christian Church convention for District One will be held next Sunday afternoon at the First Christian Church Kendallville, Indiana at 2:30 P.M. Registration at 2:00 PM.
FROM INTENTION TO ACHIEVEMENT is the Theme for the Convention.
Dr. George W. Sorrells, a member of the Christian Church at Bedford, Ind. will be the afternoon speaker. Mrs. Keith Hall, one of our Missionary Partners from India will be a resource member of a panel discussion presentation concerning the relevancy of the current scope of the mission of the church. At the dinner hour, 5:30, Mrs. Phil Stephens of Kokomo, will share in a delightful way her experiences through "A Bit of Blarney" from Ireland. Rev. David Caldwell, Associate minister at Kendallville will lead the closing worship.
The dinner and registration is $1.50. Reservations should be in by Friday.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

The Church always needs to examine its program of Christian Education in every day and age. In his book, "THE GOSPEL AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION," Dr. G. Campbell Wyckoff states, "The most critical problem that faces Christian Education, however, is its need to understand itself - to gain deep insight into what it is about. It needs to see how it is related to the cultural situation, to the church's life and thought, and to the educational process. This problem of self-understanding is the problem of theory."

"Building a theory of Christian Education for Protestantism is a matter of the discovery and refinement of a body of basic principles that will give Protestants a clear idea of what Christian Education is concerned with, and will provide guidance needed for the practical aspects of the church's work, in curriculum, and administration. THIS BODY OF PRINCIPLES MUST BE OF SUCH A CHARACTER THAT IT WILL BE BASIC TO EVERYTHING THE CHURCH DOES IN ITS EDUCATIONAL WORK. (Capitals added by me.) In particular, it must be both theologically valid and educationally sound."

To carry out such a program of education, it will require more than just an hour in the Church School each Sunday. But it will require THAT! Mothers and fathers need to practice and demonstrate to their children that Christianity REALLY WORKS. You can't teach, by word, one thing and unteach by deed and expect to rear another generation that will be truly Christian.

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

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CHI RHO ... 5:30 P.M. Sundays

BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM

Four Special Series Classes for Adults
Each Sunday at 9:35 A.M.

Sunday's Sermon ..... "WE HAVE THIS FAITH"

October 17, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 425 |
| Church School Attendance | 331 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1666.65 |
| Church School Offering | 74.18 |
| U.C.F.A. | 3.00 |
| | $ 1743.83 |

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### GREEN STAMPS

The green stamps are coming in. We now have more than 40 books. See any Choir member or mail them to the Church. For information regarding green stamps for Hand Bells, see any choir member.

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### PLAN TO ATTEND

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING - Beginning, November 7th. VESPER Service from 6 to 7:00 P.M., with favorite hymn singing and special music arranged by Mr. Wetzel. Brother George will bring a vesper message. A fellowship 'coffee hour' will be enjoyed following the vesper service.

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### STORK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Baugher (Rocky) are the proud parents of a little son born last Saturday, October 16. Mother and Babe are doing fine.

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume 24 **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** October 28, 1965 # 4


## "ON RATTLESNAKES AND FAITHFULNESS!"

There was a family of wayward Church members, a father and three sons. Once active, but now indifferent, they had been visited by minister and elders. Everything within reason had been done to restore them but in vain.

One day while they were working, a large rattlesnake bit son John. The doctor was summoned and pronounced his condition as grave. He observed that about the only thing left was prayer. Immediately the preacher was called to come and pray for John's recovery. This is his prayer ....

"Oh, wise, and righteous Father, we thank thee that thou hast in thy wisdom, sent this rattlesnake to bite John in order to bring him to his senses. He has not been inside the church house in years, and it is doubtful that he has in all this time, until now, felt the need of prayer. Now we trust that this will prove a valuable lesson to him and that it will lead to genuine repentance, and now, O Father, wilt thou send another snake to bite the other son, Sam, and another to bite Jim, and another big one to bite the old man? We have all been doing everything we know for years to restore them, but to no avail. It seems therefore, that what all our combined efforts could not do, this rattler snake has done. We thus conclude that the only thing left that will do this family any good is rattlesnakes, so Lord send us bigger and better rattlesnakes. In the name of Jesus. Amen."

-- Copied from "News of The Pews" Clinton, Okla.

Sunday's Sermon: "THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION"

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
### Monthly Group Meetings

McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. H. Rice, 7001 Premiere Dr. Tuesday November 2, at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Wm. Caldwell; Worship By Mrs. Charles Dilts.

KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Ogles, 3322 Rosewood Dr. Tuesday, November 2, at 9:00 AM. Program by Mrs. Geo. Bruckman; Worship by Mrs. Ogles.

SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Gene Klepfer, 806 Ardis Dr. Wednesday, November 3, at 9:00 AM. Program by Mrs. Leo Trim; Worship by Mrs. H. P. Love.

DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Earl Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd. Wednesday November 3, at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. E. N. Schlatter; Worship by Mrs. Charles Hunt.

HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Clipp, 1108 McKinnie, Thursday, November 4, at 7:45 PM. Program by Mrs. Ethel Allen; Worship by Mrs. Arthur Mowery.

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RUMMAGE SALE: October 29, 30, at Liberty Press Bldg., 2033 S. Lafayette. You may bring your rummage to the rummage room as early as 6:00 PM. on Thursday, October 28, or bring it to the Church before the 30th. Mrs. Mary Wagner is chairman.

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## CHI RHO HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sunday evening, October 31, from 5:30 to 8:30 the Chi Rhos will enjoy a Halloween Party at Glen Smith's, 320 W. Oakdale Dr. Everyone, COME MASKED!

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
### Officers Serving October 31, 1965

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Richard Vanderwall
George Bruckman

10:30 A.M. Service -

Bueford Tharp
William Franklin

DEACONS: October 31. November 7.

8:15 A.M. Service -

Robert Hendricks
Robert Schubel
John F. Hechler
Edwin Hall

10:30 A.M. Service -

D. Wayne Penny
Ted Bryan
Robert Rogers
Jack Sweeney
Cliff Travis
Robert Westerfield
Walter J. Williams
John E. Black, Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS:

Robert Perkins
Robert Ogles
A.E. Huddleston
Howard Howell
Edward M. Smith
Charles Speicher
Bruce Stone

DEACONESSES: October 31

Mrs. Harold Nordblom
Mrs. W. J. Williams

COFFEE HOUR - October

Progressive Class

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## STORK NEWS

A baby girl born to Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Kinerk, October 23, 1965 at Lutheran Hospital.

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| Totals | 261 | $ 53.20 |

## FEAR NOT

Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life in fear; rather look to them with full hope that, as they arise, God, whose you are, will deliver you out of them. He has kept you hither-to, do you but hold fast to His dear hand and He will lead you safely through all things; and, when you cannot stand, He will bear you in His arms.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, 'Fear not; I will help thee'." Isaiah 41:13.

--St. Francis De Sales

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

It was good to have our own Mrs. Owen Vaught elected to the office of President of next year's District One Convention last Sunday at the Kendallville Convention. Those of you who did not attend missed a wonderful time. Next year, you won't have any excuse, because the Time and Place Committee reported that the Convention will be here!

Wonderful news comes from the Chi Rho and the CYF that they had a good meeting last Sunday night. Mr. John Thompson is leading the group in a Bible Study this coming Sunday evening and the Chi Rho is going to havea HAlloween Party. The Chi Rho has been studying the basic beliefs of our Church and they had a young man from Fort Wayne Bible College show pictures of his tour of Southeast Asia.

The two groups had 36 present last Sunday night for youth meetings. Parents, please give us the cooperation that our adult sponsors need and see that your child is attending one of these groups.

Plans are being made for a youth retreat for the District One CYF during the Christmas Holidays. You will hear more about this in the near future.

We'll be looking forward to your presence in one of the interesting adult classes next Sunday. Remember, School for Christian Living begins the first Sunday in November. Make it a point to set aside these Sunday evenings and attend.

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Associate Minister

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October 24, 1965

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|---|---|
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| Church School Attendance | 261 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 940.58 |
| Church School Offering | 53.64 |
| Building Fund Offering | 4.00 |
| | $ 998.22 |

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## CHOIR CHORDS

The Sanctuary Choir's first social hour of the season will be this Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, following the practice. This will be an excellent time for all choir members to be present. PLAN TO BE THERE AT 7:30 P.M. SHARP!

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Remember to bring your Green Stamps. Let's ring those Hand bells!

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## PLAN TO ATTEND
## SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

It begins Sunday evening November 7. Vespers service from 6 to 7:00 with favorite hymn singing and special music under the direction of William Wetzel. A fellowship hour will follow the Vesper message given by Brother George.

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mr. Harry Wetzel was a patient in Rm. 562, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Nelson Kinerk (Carol Green) is in Room 310, Lutheran Hospital.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** November 7, 1965 No. 5

## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Let me take this opportunity to thank the congregation for the privilege of going to Greenwood, Miss., and sharing a week with that wonderful church. The minister there is one of the young men who entered the ministry from my Mobile ministry. It was a heartwarming experience. I thank you for the privilege of sharing in their revival. It always warms my own heart and gives me renewed enthusiasm for the days ahead. Thank you!

This coming Sunday evening at 6 P.M., we will have our first evening vesper hour. It will feature the great music we are accustomed to hearing. We will have soloists, trios, quartets, the choirs, etc., and a meditation and prayer session. I have thought of calling it the Hour of Power, but it remains to be seen whether we find His power for our living! Let's make this hour one filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit. Bring the youth to Chi Rho and to CYF, and then make vespers a must this fall and winter. It will be followed by informal moments of fellowship and friendship with coffee.

Sunday's Sermon: "Jesus: Joy of Loving Hearts"

CWF GENERAL MEETING - a joint meeting will be held with North Christian and West Creighton CWF's, Wednesday, November 17, at 8 PM. at West Creighton Church. Program includes colored slides of the World Convention held this last Summer at Puerto Rico. Worship and music by North Christian and First Christian members.

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BEREAN CLASS - The class will have a Korean Picnic at the church, Saturday, November 13. Bring a salad- either meat, fruit or vegetable, and a dollar offering for the Korean Orphan Fund.

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'58 CLASS will have a "Come As You Are" party Saturday, November 6, at 7:30 PM. It is important that you call in your reservation to Mrs. Wm. Kintzel 747-2638.

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COME DOUBLE CLASS will have a "Bowling Party" Saturday, November 6, at 7:30 PM. at Hillcrest Lanes. Sandwiches and coffee will be served afterwards at the home of Lee and Rose Marie Bragg, 4017 Arlington.

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STORK NEWS - Denise Lynn was born to Mr. & Mrs. Rex Clifton, October 28, 1965. Congratulations!

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CHOIR CHORDS - 58 books have been received toward the goal of 250 needed to get the Hand Bells. It has been suggested that our tardy members come to practice and bring their green stamps. We need YOU!

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UNITED CHURCH WOMEN SPONSORED INTERFAITH Luncheon, Thursday, November 18 at Scottish Rite Banquet Hall, 12 noon, $2.00. Program theme, "Unity Through Diversity" Dr. T. Wayne Rieman, World traveler, will speak.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving November 7, 1965

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Rolland Ripple

Floyd Morrical

10:30 A.M. Service -

Ronald McVay

John Merrill

DEACONS: November 7

8:15 A.M. Service -

Robert Hendricks

Robert Schubel

John F. Hechler

Edwin Hall

10:30 A.M. Service -

D. Wayne Penny

Ted Bryan

Robert Rogers

Jack Sweeney

Cliff Travis

Robert Westerfield

Walter J. Williams

John E. Black, Captain

ALTERNATES:

Robert Perkins'

Robert Ogles

A.E. Huddleston

Howard Howell

Edward M. Smith

Charles Speicher

Bruce Stone

DEACONESSES: November 7, 14, 21.

Mrs. Wm. Caldwell

Mrs. Max Finkhousen

COFFEE HOUR _ November

Berean Class

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CWF report of Annual trip to Emily E. Flinn Home: 26 ladies made the trip. Offering was $70.25. Ice cream and 8 cakes were taken to those living in the Home. The program was presented by members of the Home, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Guy M. Abbott.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

October 31, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 8 | .61 |
| Nursery | 19 | 2.26 |
| Kindergarten | 22 | 2.17 |
| Primary | 36 | 4.69 |
| Juniors | 48 | 7.40 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 11 | 1.02 |
| 8th Grade | 11 | 1.85 |
| 9th Grade | 11 | 1.80 |
| High School Class | 25 | 3.30 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 2.00 |
| '58 Class | 18 | 8.25 |
| Berean Class | 15 | 1.60 |
| Come Double Class | 23 | 12.75 |
| Progressive Class | 32 | 19.00 |
| Friendly Class | 21 | 4.00 |
| Men's Class | 5 | 2.00 |
| Totals | 309 | $74.70 |

ATTENTION - CHI RHO !

The Chi Rho are to meet at the Jewish Synagogue on the Old Mill Road, next Sunday, November 7 at 5:00 PM. Be Prompt!

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AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Ida Mae England is ill at the home of her daughter, 5104 Northcrest.

Richard Baker was a patient in Rm. 325 Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Melvin McNamee is ill at home having suffered a fall.

Mrs. Ralph Richard is in Lutheran Hospital, Room 328.

Mrs. Glenn Miller underwent eye surgery this week in Lutheran Hospital, 402.

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WARM CLOTHING DRIVE for Church World Service. Boxes will be available at the church to receive warm clothing, clean and in good condition, Nov. 21, 28 Service Dept. members will sort and pack, Nov. 30 at 9 AM. at the Church.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

G. Campbell Wyckoff, in his book, "THE GOSPEL AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION" speaks of the home as one of the most important factors in the rearing and development of children. It is especially important if that process of development is to take a Christian direction.

We cannot help but recognize that the Church exists inside a culture that is basically secular and materialistic. Because the Church must speak the language of the culture in order to get its message across to people, it, too, finds itself taking on some of the form and color of the culture.

All great societies or civilizations that have enjoyed any permanency at all have been those that recognize the family as the basic unit of civilization. Notice that I did not say that the individual is the basic unit.

But the home is where people first learn to live in relationship to other people. Here it is that habits are formed that influence the totality of life. Watch a person's reactions and actions in adult life and you will catch a glimpse of what early childhood was like for him.

Basic values are learned in the home. What is lifted up in the home will be exalted by the child in later life. Here, it is appropriate that we ask the question, "What are the values that I wish to give my children?" Is God, the Bible, Prayer, the Church, Jesus Christ and Salvation important? Or do other things get my attention so that my child is impressed with them rather than Christian ideals? Your life and the lives of your children are open windows into your home! Do you have a Christian home?

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1965

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9:20 to 10:20 A.M. ...Church School

Four Special Series Study Classes for Adults each Sunday at 9:35 A.M.

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VISITATION EVANGELISM
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High School Choir - Thursday 6:30 PM
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - 10:30 A.M.

JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays at 10:30 AM

C.Y.F. ... 5:00 P.M. Sundays
CHI RHO ... 5:30 P.M. Sundays
BOY SCOUTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING - Sunday evenings - Vespers - 6 to 7 PM. Fellowship - 7 to 7:30 P.M.

October 31, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 396 |
| Church School Attendance | 309 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1451.90 |
| Church School Offering | 74.70 |
| Building Fund Offering | 11.50 |
| U.C.F.A. | 14.20 |
| | $ 1552.30 |

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U.C.F.A. BALANCE $49,373.17

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

CORRECTION- The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E Lexington, Thursday, November 4, at 7:45 P.M.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. O.R. Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw St., Monday, November 8 at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. S.E. Merriman, Worship by Miss Pearl Heidecker.

MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Geo. Wascovich, 915 Ardis Dr., Tuesday, November 9, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Harold Nordblom; Worship by Mrs. James Ruble.

The group is having a "Dutch Maid Clothing Demonstration" and urge members to bring guests. Also all CWF members are invited. If you plan to attend please call Mrs. Wascovich, 747-2511.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Lee Bragg, 4017 Arlington, Wednesday November 10, at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. John Williams, Worship, Miss Yost.




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## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

I'm reading one of the most thrilling books I have ever read - CONVERSION, by E. Stanley Jones. It is the record of twice-born men and women from around the world. In the first chapter Dr. Jones writes:

> "Jesus drew a line down through all these distinctions (race, nationalities, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, etc.) and divided humanity into just two classes - the unconverted and the converted, the once-born and the twice-born. All men live on one side or the other of that line. No other division matters - it is a division that divides; it is a division that runs through time and eternity." p.15.

The book tells how men and women, boys and girls, have found new life in Jesus Christ. In our Vesper Hour we shall be talking and sharing viewpoints about this thrilling message. Sunday evenings at 6 P.M. we urge you to bring your Bibles and come let us quest for a fuller walk with God.

Sunday's Sermon: "Sons of God - Now!"

EUREKA COLLEGE CHOIR, under the direction of Dr. Royal Kumbert, will present a concert of religious and classical music, on MONDAY, November 15 at 7:30 P.M. in the sanctuary of West Creighton Ave Christian Church. Included in the program will be six numbers by the Whitechapel Bell Choir and a film presentation, "A College In Lincolnland". A reception will follow in Memorial Lounge. Members of our congregation are invited to hear this worthwhile program of music. A free-will offering will be taken.

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UNITED CHURCH WOMEN SPONSORED INTERFAITH LUNCHEON. Thursday, November 18 at Scottish Rite Banquet Hall, 12 Noon, $2.00. Program "Unity Through Diversity". Dr. T. Wayne Rieman, World traveler, will speak.

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MR. HARRY HILER, who is living at the Parnell Nursing Home, would like to attend the services here at least once a month. His problem is transportation. If there is one among our members living on the northside who would be interested in seeing that Mr. Hiler gets to and from church occasionally, you may contact Ray Allford Administrator, 748-7155.

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers this Sunday are given by Mr. Robert Cocherille in memory of his brother, Mr. Charles Cocherille.

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Come to Sunday Services - Church School - Morning Worship - Vespers!
Rain or Shine
Observe the Lord's Day!

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving November 14, 1965

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Robert Rayl
John Merrill

10:30 A.M. Service -

Alfred Schell
Earl Plummer

DEACONS: November 14, 21.

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Melvin Foster
Garland Morrolf
Carl D. Linn
F. Wayne Rousseau

10:30 A.M. Service -

Ben G. Taylor
Donald C. Smith
William J. Lehman
Cecil Beck
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Herdis Helmuth
Robert Urich, Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS

Homer Stevenson
Walter Keebortz
Dempsey Weaver
Andrew Cook
John M. Peterson
Lawrence Horn
Hendricks Love
Hugh Bassett

DEACONESSES: November 14, 21

Mrs. Wm. Caldwell
Mrs. Max Finkhousen

COFFEE HOUR - November

Berean Class

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IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. A. E. Huddleston and family in the recent loss of her father. Burial was last Friday at Brownsburg, Indiana.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
November 7, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 7 | .38 |
| Nursery | 11 | 1.47 |
| Kindergarten | 21 | 2.19 |
| Primary | 34 | 5.11 |
| Juniors | 41 | 8.16 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 11 | 1.17 |
| 8th Grade | 12 | 2.30 |
| 9th Grade | 9 | .65 |
| High School Class | 26 | 4.00 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 15 | 11.00 |
| Berean Class | 17 | 3.75 |
| Come Double Class | 24 | 12.75 |
| Progressive Class | 28 | 15.10 |
| Friendly Class | 18 | 3.76 |
| Men's Class | 5 | 2.00 |
| Totals | 282 | $74.29 |

## SOS! CHI RHO!

The Chi Rhos are beginning a project in crafts and are in need of old plastic / garment bags, old candles, any color, and old stubs of lipstick. Please bring your offerings of these materials and give them to Mrs. Peggy Buskirk, or to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice, who are sponsors for Chi Rho. Thank you!

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Young Jimmy Taylor has been a patient at Lutheran Hospital, undergoing an appendectomy.

Young Mike Morris had surgery for a hernia this week at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Ollie Wiley is still a patient in St. Joseph's hospital.

Mrs. Glenn Miller and Mrs. George Davis, both, are now at home after their stays in the hospital.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

If "Christian Education is the hope of the world," then our church, inso far as it claims to be the Church, must be a teaching Church. And those who are part of it must be a learning Church. There are four basic things that the Church must teach and four things must be learned. They are:

1. We are to deliver a message that in man's extreme need God has forgiven and redeemed him in Jesus Christ. This is urgent!
2. We are to help those inside and outside the Church to prepare themselves for response to that message.
3. We are to show them how to respond.
4. We are to help those inside and outside the Church to see and work out the fullness of the implications of the message of the gospel for themselves and their world.

You see, the gospel cannot be disjointed and unrelated. It must apply to me here and now, or it is not the gospel. It is a beautiful story. But when it becomes related through living to every facet of life, it becomes the redemptive act of God.

Through your Church, its life and witness, you have the claims of God presented and you must respond. How will you respond? Through active participation, you say, "Lord, I believe!" That means you will take advantage of each spiritual opportunity. See you Sunday at Church School.

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Associate Minister

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November 7, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 439 |
| Church School Attendance | 282 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1529.30 |
| Church School Offering | 74.29 |
| Building Fund Offering | 10.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 9.00 |
| | $ 1622.59 |

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Meeting

Our CWF will meet jointly with North Christian CWF and West Creighton CWF on Wednesday, November 17, at 8 PM, at West Creighton Christian Church. The program will include colored slides of the World Conventionheld this last Summer at Puerto Rico. Worship and music is to be furnished by North and First Christian CWFs. This meeting is in lieu of our own General meeting so let us have a fine turnout on Wednesday evening at West Creighton Church.

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WARM CLOTHING DRIVE for Church World Service. Boxes will be available at the church to receive warm clothing clean and in good condition, November 21st and 28th. Service department members will meet to sort and pack on November 30 at 9 AM at the church.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Nels Ferre, world famous theologian, scholar, and author, has written a word of testimony concerning his relationship to Christ. He says, "I've been converted three times: the first time to traditional Christianity; the second time to honesty; and the third time to the love of God and man."

E. Stanley Jones, Christian missionary says of this statement, "This is beautiful, but the third was the real conversion - the other two were preliminary. A conversion that doesn't convert our basic love is less than Christian conversion." Soon the world will begin moving toward the most memorable holiday on record - Christmas, and it lifts up the fact of the coming of God's Son as the gift of His eternal love for man. Jesus said, "By THIS shall ALL men know you are MY disciples, that you love one another." In a day when every major religious body is seeking to make their theology relevant, it is high time we concentrate a little more on making our lives in Christ more relevant!

Samuel M. Shoemaker has written that the "most important religious act is self-surrender. Until that takes place we are trifling with this business of being a Christian. Your self on your own hands is a problem and a pain; your self in the hands of God is a possibility and a power."

Sunday's Sermon: "BORN AGAIN INTO A LIFE FILLED WITH HOPE"

## CHOIR CHORDS

The Christmas Season will soon be here, and the Choir has begun rehearsals on their special music for Christmas. Several of our members are still absent from the choir and we not only need you but we miss you. When you come you are very much appreciated. Thursday will be an excellent time to come to practice at 7:30, and then come to the Coffee Hour afterward at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Don Miller. Won't you be there!

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GREEN STAMPS - we now have 70 books, toward the purchase of Hand Bells. Keep them coming in! Give them to Mrs. Henry Schryver, or to any member of the Choir. Thanks!

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PROTESTANTS AND OTHER AMERICANS UNITED for Separation of Church and State!

There is only one organization in this nation whose sole purpose is the preservation of religious freedom - Americans United for Separation of Church and State, The National Director of Organization of this group, Mr. Gaston D. Cogdell, is to speak at the Fort Wayne YWCA 337 W. Wayne St., on Monday, November 22, at 8:00 PM. His subject will be, "Church-State Separation - Secret of America's Greatness." Admission is free and the public is invited. Urge your friends to attend. Above all - attend yourself.

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Mr. Harry Hiler, long time member of this Church, now living at the Parnell Nursing Home, would like to attend services at least once a month. But he needs transportation. Anyone living on the Northside interested in occasionally bringing Mr. Hiler to Church may call Mr. Ray Allford, administrator of the Nursing Home. 748-7155

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A thankful spirit is like sunshine upon the fields.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving November 21, 1965

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
James H. Naile
Walter Birkhold

10:30 A.M. Service -
William Crouse
David Griggs

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November 14, 1965

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| Primary | 39 | 3.95 |
| Juniors | 39 | 8.16 |
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| 7th Grade | 9 | 1.05 |
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## CHI RHO CRAFTS

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Harold Henry has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

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## IN SYMPATHY

Our hearts go out in sincere sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. H. G. Helmuth and their daughter, Mrs. Shirley Stripling and her family in the recent death of the husband, Max. Stripling.

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We can be thankful in a topsy-turvy world if our own lives are right side up.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Perhaps some of you are not aware that we are conducting a Junior Church in the Parlor during the second Worship Hour. This is not a "play" Church, but a real Church where boys and girls of 4th, 5th and 6th grades participate on a level that they can understand.

If your child has been missing these sessions, he has been deprived of a valuable opportunity to grow Godward. At this stage in their lives and in this informal way of observing a formal practice, they are enabled not only to know what they are doing, but why they are doing certain things in the worship of God. This is valuable to them, for they learn what worship really is.

Do you know what worship really is? Do you know why you come to Church? Do you know why certain things or acts of worship are done at certain times instead of others? To worship God intelligently you should know the answer to these and many more questions like them. If you do not, it is a matter of the blind leading the blind.

What happens to you when you worship? Why is it that we come to Worship Service and go home feeling, thinking and acting like the same old people? My answer to that question is that we don't know the meaning of worship. Worship is not something that somebody does for you. IT IS SOMETHING YOU MUST DO FOR YOURSELF! And how can you know if you are worshipping if you don't know what worship is. If you do know, then fine and wonderful. Tell somebody else about it. Better still, bring them with you to Worship Service. Most important bring the children.

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Vespers - 6 to 7 PM; Fellowship 7-7:30

November 14, 1965

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|---|---|
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| Church School Attendance | 272 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1250.89 |
| Church School Offering | 66.05 |
| Building Fund Offering | 6.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | --18.00 |
| | $ 1340.94 |

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THANKSGIVING EVE

November 24, at 8:00 P.M. a Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Church.

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY - December 12th.

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SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE BABIES - Sunday, December 19th. It would be very helpful if parents wishing to bring their babies to this service would call the Church office 744-3239, before December 17.

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CWF - Rummage Sale proceeds, $111.2




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## MAN'S DISORDER & GOD'S DESIGN

In 1948 a book was published under the above theme. It was a compilation of work documents for those seeking to bring a world fellowship into a reality. The World Council of Churches sought to exalt Jesus Christ and His Kingdom as the only way to save society. Here is one of the basic paragraphs in the introduction:

"God's Design is the divine purpose for men and nations, manifest in the acts of God in Christ. In His life, death and resurrection, in the coming of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, a new beginning has been made in human history. In Him, God has begun a work of new creation and redemption. In Him, a reign of love and forgiveness has been inaugerated moulding the hearts and lives of men, calling them to find their common centre and desire in Him, and so to discover that real community for which mankind is longing. In Him, the Church is continuously reborn from death to life." What a glorious promise the Church presents to the world of men!

Just this morning Brother John Williams and myself knelt in the chapel with many of our people lifted up before the throne of grace, having already lifted up our own lives for His sustaining grace. You'd like to know that every day the chapel is the scene of someone seeking for His divine grace and mercy in love and forgiveness. Why not drop by the chapel soon and there in the beauty of imagery and stained glass, and in the quiet place of prayer, seek to lay the "self" on His altar, and take up "Christ" as the center? Your ministers pray for you by name and often shed some tears over your pain and heartaches. Join us often in the chapel for prayer. Come alone and join your Divine Companion for His blessing.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
### Monthly Group Meetings

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Elwood Parent, 4829 Lillie St. Wednesday, December 1, at 10:00 A.M. Mrs. Eugene Klepfer will give the program; Worship by Mrs. Rolland Ripple.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Fred Hilker, 926 High St. Wednesday December 1, at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Thos. Wunderlich, Worship by Mrs. E.N.Schlatter.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Paul Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton St Thursday, December 9, at 7:45 PM. Please note change in date. Program by Mrs. W.J. Williams; Worship by Mrs. Robert Clipp.

NELSON Group _ You will be interested to know that the Nelson Group won second prize of the weekly prizes in the WPTA Community Club Awards. The prize was $35.00. We wish to congratulate the group and wish them many more weekly awards. Let us all get behind them and help.

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## CHRISTMAS CHURCH GOAL $1,100

December 25 is known by Disciples of Christ not only as Christmas Day but also as a time for responding to special needs of children and older people.

Our concern is the Emily E. Flinn Home for the Aged at Marion, and the Cleveland Christian Home for Children

### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS GOALS

| | |
|---|---|
| Men's Class | $ 30.00 |
| Friendly Class | 50.00 |
| Progressive Class | 150.00 |
| Berean Class | 50.00 |
| Come Double C lass | 100.00 |
| '58 Class | 75.00 |
| Young Adults Class | 25.00 |
| High School Class | 30.00 |
| 7th, 8th, 9th Grades | 45.00 |
| Junior Department | 25.00 |

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
### Officers Serving November 28, 196

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
William Caldwell
Hugh Rice

10:30 A.M. Service -
Robert Clipp
John Barbree

DEACONS - November 28, December

8:15 A.M. Service -
John Varner
Thomas Thornbury
Rufus Quinn
James Heavin

10:30 A.M. Service -
Romane Cole
Donald Hogan
Vernon Moore
Virgil Montgomery
Paul Wilcoxson
Orie McDougle -Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS

Paul Kenline
Leland Higgins
Herman Weber
George Davis
Sidney Cowen
Jefferson Young
Dr. James Ruble

DEACONESSES: November 28.
December 5 & 12
Mrs. James Naile
Mrs. Hugh D. Rice

COFFEE HOUR - November
Berean Class

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## PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will have their Christmas get-together on December 2 at the Hobby Ranch House at 6:30 PM. Reservations should be in by Novembe 28th. Please call Mrs. Herman Weber 749-8335. There will be a 50¢ gift exchange.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

If your young people are missing the Sunday evening Youth Fellowship meetings, they are losing a valuable opportunity to understand the basis of their faith.

Last Sunday evening in the Christian Youth Fellowship meeting, we had a wonderful discussion and Bible Study about the nature of Jesus Christ. A more wonderful period could not have occurred in the Christian Theological Seminary where I am enrolled.

Perhaps we glide across this deep subjeck without ever realizing its importance. But this is the very heart of Christian faith. If you or your sons and daughters are ever going to let Christian faith give dynamics to your life, you must come to understand something of His nature and purpose for living among us,

What we discussed last Sunday night in thirty minutes, it took the early Church 450 years to realize. To be sure, I am certain that we did not cover the field, but if we touched the fringe, I am satisfied that we will have stimulated enough curiosity to cause them to ponder the depths of the life of God among us.

Some of the basic conclusions that we reached included the fact that God was alive in this Person and that Jesus was human as well as divine. Also, we concluded that the most important thing that he did was to redeem mankind. Jesus Christ permitted himself to be tempted, not as God, but as a human being. It was through his humanity, in relationship to God, that he overcame, Relating this to our own lives, we felt that temptation was not a unique experience with us. But Jesus is there. Through Him we overcome.

Bring your children this Sunday. Their souls may be saved through this encounter with God.

John W. Williams,
Associate Minister

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

November 21, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 8 | 3.00 |
| Nursery | 14 | 2.26 |
| Kindergarten | 15 | .87 |
| Primary | 35 | 5.55 |
| Juniors | 40 | 17.65 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 7 | 1.00 |
| 8th Grade | 9 | 1.06 |
| 9th Grade | 11 | .90 |
| High School Class | 29 | 3.00 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 12 | 12.00 |
| Berean Class | 9 | 3.00 |
| Come Double Class | 12 | 5.50 |
| Progressive Class | 26 | 76.80 |
| Friendly Class | 20 | 40.00 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 14.75 |
| Totals | 255 | $195.60 |

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Earl Plummer has been ill at her home.

Mrs. Ollie Wiley is still in hospital.

Mr. Sid Cowen suffered multiple injuries in an automobile accident last Monday evening. He is in St. Joseph's Hospital.

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## CHOIR

Our Sanctuary Choir will sing at the Laud-Satum Christian Churches on December 12. And will sing their Christmas cantata for us on Dec. 19th.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1965

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. .. Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. .. Church School
Four special series Study Classes for adults each Sunday at 9:35 A.M.
(Nursery for all Service ..(Infants & Children through 5 years.)
VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 P.M.
CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 P.M.
High School Choir - Thursday 6:30 PM
Junior Choir - Sundays 6:00 PM
NO CHOIR REHEARSALS THIS WEEK!
BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - 10:30 A.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays at 10:30 AM
CYF .. Sundays - 5:00 P.M.
CHI RHO .. Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
BOY SCOUTS _ Every Friday - 7:00 PM
SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING - Vespers 6 to 7 PM

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Sermon:"Ransomed From Futility"

November 21, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 440 |
| Church School Attendance | 255 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1306.26 |
| Church School Offering | 195.60) |
| Thanksgiving Offering | 134.10) |
| Building Fund Offering | 100.00 |
| | $ 1735.96 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
TO THE
BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BalaNCE NOW DUE $51,971.56

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 49,373.17

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE for Church World Service: Bring the clothing any time before the 29th. Service Department members will pack and sort on the 30th, at 9 A.M. at the Church

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## THANKSGIVING EVE

A Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held Wednesday evening, November 24 at 8 o'clock in the Church Sanctuary.

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SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE BABIES - Sunday, December 19. It would be very helpful if parents wishing to bring their babies to this service would call the church office 744-3239, before Dec. 17.

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY - December 12.

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A NOTE OF THANKS - Mrs. Glenn R. Miller (Lola) wishes to take this means to thank everyone in the church who so kindly remembered her with cards, prayers, and flowers, and visits, while she was a patient in the hospital.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** December 2, 1965 No. 9


## DAYS OF COMMITMENT

These are days of high commitment in the life of our nation. Young men are laying upon the altar of God and nation their very lives that peoples of less affluent nations shall breathe free! We are calling the very young to die for principles of freedom and opportunity of free choice, but are we as willing to sacrifice for the eternal princples we so loudly espouse?

Robert E. Speer, missionary, has written: "The early Church prevailed because it outthought, outlived, outloved and outdied the secular world around it."

David Livingstone once wrote: "I will place no value on anything that I have or possess except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ. If anything I have will advance that Kingdom it shall be given or kept, as by giving or keeping it I shall best promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes both for time and eternity."

The Church is of God, not of men! The Church was of God's design, not man's! Christ loved the Church, and gave Himself for it! Therefore, life has no plan, no purpose, no goals, apart from the Kingdom of God! All life of earth is racing down a dead-end street toward a blank wall until committed to Christ! In Christ the walls go down and the vistas open Godward to life eternal" Let us commit ourselves unto the Lord of Life! Let us commit our time, talents, and our money to the Kingdom of God!

"Money is human lifeblood. Every dollar of it represents somebody's life andblood. We exchange the days and months which God GIVES to us to an employer who in

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. W. J. Marks, 4705 Lafayette Espl. Tuesday, December 7, at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Robt. Scott; Worship by Mrs. K. L. Edwards.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. R. G. S. Quinn, 3916 Oak Park, Tuesday December 7, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Panel; Worship, Mrs. C. R. Ludwig.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. James Cain, 813 Kinnaird, Wednesday December 8, at 7:45 PM. Program by Mrs. J. W. Williams, Worship Mrs. H. W. Crowder.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will have a Christmas dinner party at the Church Monday, December 6, at 6:00 PM. Program, Mrs. T. R. Eiler, Worship, Mrs. Vaught.

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AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Lutheran Hospital -

Mrs. A. Jefferson Young, Room 558.
Diana Girdner, Room 637.
Mrs. Nellie Merryman, Room 410
David Hall, Room 226.
Mrs. Keith Murray was a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

PARKVIEW

Mr. Hugh Rice
Mr. Buckley, father of Mrs. Robt. Perkins, Room 447.

ST. JOSEPH'S

Mrs. Ollie Wiley
Mr. Sid Cowen

AT HOME

Mrs. Dempsey Weaver
Mrs. Earl Plummer

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PING PONG TABLE needed for youth recreation. Does any one have/one they are no longer using and would like to donate it to the church, if so, please Call the office or Mrs. Peggy Buskirk

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving December 5, 196

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

William Love
Fred Smell

10:30 A.M. Service -

Myron Cole
Dr. Henry Lee Butler

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

John Varner
Thomas Thornbury
Rufus Quinn
James Heavin

10:30 A.M. Service

Romane Cole
Donald Hogan
Vernon Moore
Virgil Montgomery
Paul Wilcoxson
Orie McDougle - Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS -

Paul Kenline
Leland Higgins
Herman Weber
George Davis
Sidney Cowen
Jefferson Young
Dr. James Ruble

DEACONESSES: December 5, 12.

Mrs. James Naile
Mrs. Hugh D. Rice

COFFEE HOUR - December

Come Double Class

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THANK YOU'S ... Mrs. George Davi wishes to thank the members of the congregation for their cards and letter sent her during her illness.

Mr. Robert Chevalier wishes to thank all those who remember him with mes sages of sympathy in the recent loss o a brother.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
November 28, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .35 |
| Nursery | 11 | 1.34 |
| Kindergarten | 10 | 1.28 |
| Primary | 36 | 5.99 |
| Juniors | 37 | 8.00 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 8 | 5.55 |
| 8th Grade | 11 | 3.62 |
| 9th Grade | 11 | 1.00 |
| High School Class | 12 | 11.86 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 9 | 11.00 |
| Berean Class | 19 | 17.00 |
| Come Double Class | 20 | 8.25 |
| Progressive Class | 20 | 8.50 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 2.89 |
| Men's Class | 3 | .50 |
| Totals | 258 | 70.26 |

## CHURCH CHRISTMAS GOAL $1,100

Our concern this year 1965 is the Emily E. Flinn Home for the Aged at Marion, and the Cleveland Christian Home for Children.

### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS GOALS

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|---|---|
| Men's Class | $ 30.00 |
| Friendly Class | 50.00 |
| Progressive Class | 150.00 |
| Berean Class | 50.00 |
| Come Double Class | 100.00 |
| '58 Class | 75.00 |
| Young Adults Class | 25.00 |
| High School Class | 30.00 |
| 7th, 8th, 9th Grades | 45.00 |
| Junior Department | 25.00 |
| Primary | 10.00 |
| Kindergarten | 5.00 |
| Nursery | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 2.00 |

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

We are planning to have a Christmas tree in the Church Parlor for the Junior Church. Beginning this Sunday, Dec. 5, we are asking each young person in the Junior Department to bring with him to Junior Church a Christmas tree ornament to be placed on the Christmas tree. We will watch the tree grow in its beauty for the next three Sundays as an expression of our growing appreciation for Jesus Christ and the meaning of the Christmas Season.

More important than any ornament that your child might bring, we are asking that you have your son or daughter in Junior Church. As we have often stated this is not "a little church", but as much a part of the real church as the one that gathers in the sanctuary every Sunday. This is an expression of the church on a level of their comprehension and understanding.

Our Christian Youth Fellowship had a wonderful time last Sunday exploring another faith when they visited St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church on Fairfield Avenue. An invitation for their young people to come and visit our young people was extended and we hope that our young people will gain a larger measure of understanding and appreciation of their own faith by making this visit.

Our Sunday evening youth groups are growing in number and spirit. We hope that you will see the wisdom of attending these sessions and encourage your children to become a part of this growth. May God's blessings be upon your home at this season of the year!

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1965

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. .. Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. ..Church School
(Nursery for all Services .. Infants & children through 5 years.)

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 P.M

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 P.M
High School Choir - Thursday 6:30 PM
Junior Choir - Sundays 6:00 P.M.

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - 10:30 A.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays at 10:30 AM
CYF .. Sundays - 5:30 P.M.
CHI RHO .. Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
BOY SCOUNTS - Every Friday - 7:00 PM

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING - Vespers 5:30 P.M.

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SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE BABIES - Sunday, December 19. Please call the Church, 744-3239 before December 17, if you plan to bring your child.

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turn gives us an amount of money. Quite literally, man exchanges a part of his life for his wages. The time man exchanges for his wage is the gift of God, and this makes the earning, spending, and giving of money sacramental. Yousee, we take what God gives to us and share it with others for a wage, which in turn can be shared with the giver of life. Handle money with reverence, accept it with gratitude to God whogrants us life amd energy, share it generously with God and the work of His Kingdom.

Sunday is "WOMAN'S DAY"

The Sermon .....
"CALLED FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

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November 28, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 425 |
| Church School Attendance | 258 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1220.54 |
| Thanksgiving Offering | 96.84 |
| Church School Offering | 88.13 |
| Building Fund Offering | 13.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 12.00 |
| | $ 1394.77 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
TO THE
BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE . $51,009.76

U.C.F.A. BALANCE $ 48,623.17

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - December 12

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CHOIR

To get to the Saturn Church go out on Rd. # 14 to West County Line Rd. turn left (south) for 1 mile or so; turn right (West) for about 3 miles. Church is on right side of road.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV Fort Wayne, Indiana, December 9, 1965 No. 10


## COMMITMENT

Sunday was an unforgettable day for your minister and his family, we hope for all the Church in which we minister. Craig's vital religious experience which led him to recommit his life to Christ and the Christian ministry is for us a treasured experience. I had often said to our children, and many of yours as well, in all thy getting get Christ! To know Christ is to have it all !

It reminds me of the story of Leland Standford University. Dr. Samuel Eliot, son of the great president of Harvard University, tells how one day a couple came to see his father at Harvard and asked how much it would cost to set up "an educational plant just like Harvard" in California. Dr. Eliot made a mental calculation of what the ground, buildings, professional endowments, and scholarships at Harvard cost. His estimate was $18 million dollars. The couple talked quietly to each other for a few minutes and then said very gravely, "Well, Dr. Eliot, I think we could do that." So Leland Standford University came into being. In a glass case, in one of the fine buildings on the University Campus, there are displayed today a few pathetic relics-toys, babies' shoes, bits of wearing apparel and other nursery oddments - liking that great university with the little child whom its parents commemorated by the gift of their entire fortune! They had said, "it will take all we have, but it will be well worth the effort."

These are days of great need in the life of men and nations - need for spiritual power and an awareness of God's presence, the way is open through the door of spiritual commitment to Jesus Christ. Christ is saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The MONTGOMERY group will meet with Mrs. Paul Yentes, 3301 Sandpoint Rd. on Tuesday, December 14 at 8:00 PM. Program by Mrs. John Olson; Worship by Mrs. Robert Rayl.

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CHURCH ENVELOPES for 1966

Boxes of Church Enevlopes for 1966 will be on tables in the Narthex next Sunday for you to pick up. They are arranged in both alphabetical and numerical order - please check, carefully, the name on the box so that you are sure you have your set. If you do not find your box, speak to Mrs. Vaught. She will assist you. She will be found in the Church office following both services.

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SOUTH EAST FAMILY "Y" BRANCH! 5125 Werling Drive. The directors have invited to members of our congregation and their families to come and see their building and facilities; Our night is January 14 from 8:00 to 10:00 PM. We will be allowed to use and enjoy their many facilities so take your swimsuits and plan for an evening of fun and recreation. A nursery will be provided for children 2 years old and older if requested.

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AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Johnathan and Jerome Wetzel are on West Fourth, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Harold Nordblom underwent surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital this week.

Mrs. Dempsey Weaver is in Parkview Hospital, Room 435.

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December 12 - Next Sunday ...
Report of Nominating Committee
Report of Budget Committee
At both services.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving December 12, 19(

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Charles Fuchshuber
Richard Vanderwall

10:30 A.M. Service -

George Bruckman
Bueford Tharp

DEACONS: December 12, 19

8:15 A.M. Service -

Robert Hendricks
Robert Schubel
John F. Hechler
Edwin Hall

10:30 A.M. Service -

D. Wayne Penny
Ted Bryan
Jack Sweeney
Cliff Travis
Robert Westfield
Walter J. Williams
John E. Black, Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS:

Robert Perkins
Robert Ogles
A. E. Huddleston
Howard Howell
Edward M. Smith
Charles Speicher
Bruce Stone

DEACONESSES: December 12

Mrs. James Naile
Mrs. Hugh D. Rice

COFFEE HOUR - December

Come Double Class

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NOTE: Mr. & Mrs. H. G. Helmuth wish to take this means to thank all the members of the congregation for their messages of sympathy expressed to their daughter Mrs. Shirley Stripling and themselves, at the time of their recent great sorrow.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
December 5, 1965

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 7 | .40 |
| Nursery | 17 | 1.20 |
| Kindergarten | 21 | 2.19 |
| Primary | 38 | 4.02 |
| Juniors | 43 | 8.74 |
| Junion High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 10 | 1.05 |
| 8th Grade | 14 | 2.35 |
| 9th Grade | 11 | .85 |
| High School Class | 34 | 3.56 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 10 | 8.00 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 2.60 |
| Come Double Class | 17 | 13.50 |
| Progressive Class | 32 | 17.00 |
| Friendly Class | 17 | 3.30 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 3.00 |
| Totals | 293 | $72.81 |

CHURCH CHRISTMAS GOAL $1,100
The Emily E. Flinn Home for the Aged and The Cleveland Christian Home for Children are our concerns for this year.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

If young people don't know what to do with themselves during the Christmas vacation, it isn't because the Church has not provided for their spiritual growth!

The CYF is having a WINTER CONFERENCE at Indian Lake, December 27-31, closing at 1:30 P.M. on Friday. This session is limited to JUNIORS and SENIORS in High School. The Cost is $19.

The Winter Conference, under the direction of Rev. Richard L. Lauer, State Youth Director, is using as its theme, "WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE WE WAITING FOR" This is the Youth Week Theme and will give opportunity for our own group to follow through with it at home.

The conference will deal with a study of the principalities and powers that surround us, using a Bible study to discover the supremacy of Christ in relation to the powers about us, and the question of our relation to Him.

After a spiritual uplift from celebrating the birth of Christ, what better way can we spend the rest of your free time?

JUNIOR CHURCH MEMBERS are asked to continue bringing ornaments for the Christmas Tree decorations the next two Sundays. We had a large group last Sunday, looking for more this next one.

John W. Williams,
Associate Minister

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CHI RHOS will have wreaths and candles on display in Fellowship Hall this next Sunday. These items are for sale.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1965

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. ... Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. ... Church School
(Nursery for all Services .. Infants & Children through 5 years.)

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 P.M.
High School Choir - Thursday 6:30 PM
Junior Choir - Sundays 6:00 P.M.

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - 10:30 A.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays at 10:30 AM
C.Y.F. ,, Sundays - 5:30 P.M.
CHI RHO .. Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
BOY SCOUTS_ Every Friday - 7:00 PM
SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING -
Vesper Hour Bible Study - 5:30 PM

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SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE BABIES - Sunday, December 19, 10:30 Worship Hour. Please call the Church office, 744-3239 before December 17, if you plan to bring your child.

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Let us covenant with one another to pray, to work, to rejoice, to share with one another the life of Christ. Shall we begin at once.

Sunday's Sermon ..
"LIKE A LAMP ON THE DARKNESS"

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December 5, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 412 |
| Church School Attendance | 293 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1755.91 |
| Thanksgiving Offering | 15.00 |
| Church School Offering | 72.81 |
| Building Fund Offering | 7.15 |
| U.C.F.A. | 6.00 |
| | $ 1856.87 |

YOUR CHURCH"S OBLIGATION
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U.C.F.A. GOAL $ 48,623.17

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - December 12

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## CHOIR CHORDS

Last Monday, the Sanctuary choir sang for the Senior Citizens at Shoaff Park. This Sunday, the 12th, they will sing their Christmas Cantata for Saturn Christian Church members and friends. Then on Sunday, the 19th they will sing the Cantata at the Vesper Hour here in First Christian. Once again we urge all our choir members and those who love to sing to come out and help us sing this beautiful music.

BOOKS OF GREEN STAMPS - We are still collecting. Give your books or stamps to any Choir member, or to Mrs. Henry Schryver.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV Fort Wayne, Indiana, December 16, 1965 No. 11

## LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS

Our Service for the BLESSING OF THE BABIES and dedication of the parents will be at 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship on next Sunday, December 19. What more fitting time than at the Christmas Season to bring your child to receive our Lord's blessing.

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Our Sanctuary Choirs will present a Christmas Cantata, "THE NEW KING" next Sunday evening, December 19, at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. J.E. Weicker and Carl Smith are the soloists. Brother John Williams will be the narrator. Our group presented this beautiful music at the Saturn Christian Church last Sunday evening and they tell me they were well received. We hope our own folks and their friends will come out this Sunday evening to hear our Choir.

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We will have our annual CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE on Friday, December 24, at 7:30 P.M. The Nursery will be staffed to care for the babies.

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Your pastor has been away from the office for several days due to a bronchial cold and chest congestion with fever, but I am happy to report that I am feeling better and am now at my desk once more.

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Sundays Sermon: "LET CHRISTMAS COME TO YOU"

## CHURCH ENVELOPES for 1966

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SOUTH EAST FAMILY "Y" BRANCH! 5125 Werling Drive. The families in our congregation have been invited to enjoy the facilities of the South East Family "Y" on January 14, 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. The Come Double are in charge of publicity for this event.

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Martha Warner is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Room 416.

Mrs. Rex Clifton is in Room 131, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Charles Wrisk is in room 505, St. Joseph's Hospital.

Word comes that Mrs. Guy M. Abbott suffered a slight stroke a few weeks ago She is residing at the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion. Mrs. Abbott was for a number of years our Director of Music. She is improving and able to be about her daily tasks.

Mrs. Nottingham, Mrs. C. A. Kinzie's mother is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 208.

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## HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

Will be broadcast over WGL radio on Christmas Eve. December 24, beginning at 10:05 P.M.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving December 19, 1965

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

William Franklin
Rolland Ripple

10:30 A.M. Service -

Floyd Morrical
Ronald McVay

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Robert Hendricks
Robert Schubel
John F. Hechler
Edwin Hall

10:30 A.M. Service -

D. Wayne Penny
Ted Bryan
Jack Sweeney
Cliff Travis
Robert Westerfield
Walter J. Williams
John E. Black, Captain

ALTERNATE DEACONS:

Robert Perkins
Robert Ogles
A.E. Huddleston
Howard Howell
Edward M. Smith
Charles Speicher
Bruce Stone

DEACONESSES: December 19, 24, 26

Mrs. Wm. Crouse
Mrs. Edwin Allen

COFFEE HOUR - December

Come Double Class

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## COME DOUBLE CLASS

Will have a progressive dinner and Class party, with election of officers, Friday, December 17. The dinner will start at the home of Stanley and Martha Cole, 7430 U.S. 24, West.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

December 12, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .46 |
| Nursery | 18 | 1.69 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 2.60 |
| Primary | 45 | 6.25 |
| Juniors | 45 | 8.20 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 9 | 1.75 |
| 8th Grade | 11 | 2.70 |
| 9th Grade | 10 | 1.06 |
| High School Class | 27 | 3.40 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 15 | 13.50 |
| Berean Class | 11 | 5.00 |
| Come Double Class | 21 | 6.50 |
| Progressive Class | 24 | 13.10 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 3.45 |
| Men;s Class | 8 | 2.75 |
| Total | 290 | 73.41 |

December 19, 1965

CHURCH CHRISTMAS GOAL $1,100

For Emily E. Flinn Home and Cleveland Christian Home. These are our concerns this year.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS GOALS

| | |
|---|---|
| Men's Class | $ 30.00 |
| Friendly Class | 50.00 |
| Progressive Class | 150.00 |
| Berean Class | 50.00 |
| Come Double Class | 100.00 |
| '58 Class | 75.00 |
| Young Adults | 25.00 |
| High School Class | 30.00 |
| 7th, 8th, 9th Grades | 45.00 |
| Junior Department | 25.00 |
| Primary | 10.00 |
| Kindergarten | 5.00 |
| Nursery | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 2.00 |

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Sunday at 10:30 A.M. --

ELECTION OF 1966 CHURCH OFFICERS.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

We are inviting all young people in grades four, five and six to be present this coming Sunday morning for Junior Church. It meets in the Church Parlor during the second Worship Hour, 10:30 A.M. All young people are asked to bring an offering and an ornament for our growing Christmas tree.

The last two Sundays, we have really had good attendance and attention as well. It is our personal feeling that these young people are really learning something about the spirit and function of worship. They might not know all about the mechanics and the right words for the right movements that produce and inspire worship, but they are experiencing it. This is what is important!

This Sunday night, December 19, our Christian Youth Fellowship is having a progressive dinner. If you would like to come and don't know all of the details, please call John Merrill, 744-0516. He can fill you in on all the details.

Oh, yes, if you are going to the dinner please don't forget that the Sanctuary Choir is presenting their Christmas Cantata by Noble Cain. It is entitled, "THE NEW KING". Finish your dinner early, CYF'ers, so you can be on time for this presentation.

RESERVE CHRISTMAS EVE FOR THE SEVEN-THIRTY SERVICE here at the Church. In the past, and we hope that it will always be true, you have to come early to get a choice seat. The service usually is over within the hour. WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S BIRTH!

John W. Williams,
Associate Minister

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1965**

**8:15 & 10:30 A.M. ...Morning Worship**
**9:20 to 10:20 A.M. ... Church School**
**(Nursery for all Services - Infants & children through 5 years.)**

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
**Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 PM**
**High School Choir - Thursday 6:30 PM**
**Junior Choir - Sundays 6:00 PM**

**BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - 10:30 A.M.**
**JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays at 10:30 AM**
**C.Y.F. Sundays 5:30 P.M.**
**CHI RHO Sundays at 5:30 P.M.**
**BOY SCOUTS Every Friday - 7:00 PM**
**SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING -**
**The Choir will Sing a Christmas Cantata "The New King" at 7:30 P.M.**

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SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE BABIES - Sunday, December 19, at 10:30 Worship Service. Have you called the office that you plan to bring your child?

December 12, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 290 |
| Church School Attendance | 365 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1433.11 |
| Church School Offering | 73.41 |
| Building Fund Offering | 8.00 |
| U.C.F.A | 8.00 |
| | $ 1522.52 |

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**ELECTION OF OFFICERS, Sunday December 19, 10:30 A.M.**

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## CHOIR CHORDS

**All Choir members have been invited to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Vanderwall this Thursday evening, Dec. 16th, following regular choir practice. The Vanderwall's have recently moved into their new home. Be at choir practice 7:30 SHARP!**

**Keep those Green stamps and books coming. See Mrs. H. Schryver, or any member of the Choir.**

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## IN APPRECIATION

**Mr. Hugh Rice wishes to express appreciation and thanks for the many calls, get-well wishes, visits and the many kindnesses shown his family during his recent stay in the hospital.**

Also, Mrs. C.E. Merryman wishes to take this means to thanks all those in the church who sent cards, made calls on her during her stay in the hospital.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - 7:30 P.M.

The annual Candlelight Communion Service will be held Christmas Eve at 7:30 PM The Nursery will be open, and every family is encouraged to attend this most beautiful of services. It is a fitting way in which His children come with open hearts to receive Him as divine Lord on the Eve of the celebration of His coming as the Child of God. There will be beautiful music, as always! Make this one of the truly significant events of your Christmas experience.

## Sunday's Services Were Something Special!

If you missed yesterday's services you really missed something. The Chancel of the Church was a thing of beauty, highlighted by the poinsettias and candleglow made even more lovely by the large red bows placed there by Mrs. Edwin Allen. The committee on decorations have also seen to it that the large wreaths were placed on the doors and the undecorated evergreens placed in the front of the Church. What a beautiful sight it was as we all came to worship! The choir and trio made the morning experiences a delightful experience of worship and the Cantata during the evening service was one of the most beautiful they have ever done. When we add to this fact that the Robert Petty family came into the fellowship of First Christian during the early service, and Anita, their daughter was baptized into her Lord, then you know that the Lord blessed all who came to worship this past Sunday. He always does though, doesn't He?

Sunday's Sermon: "GOD'S UNVEILED GIFT"

## CAN YOU KEEP CHRISTMAS?

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness -- are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.

-Scribner

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## CHURCH ENVELOPES for 1966

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## HANDEL'S MESSIAH"

The Oratorio, "The Messiah" will be broadcast over Radio WGL on December 24, (Christmas Eve) beginning at 10:05 P.M.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving December 26, 1965

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Robert Rayl
James Naile

10:30 A.M. Service -

Walter C. Birkhold
William H. Crouse

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Donald C. Smith
Garland Morrolf
Carl D. Linn
F. Wayne Rousseau

10:30 A.M. Service -

Melvin Foster
Ben G. Taylor
J. W. Lehman
Cecil Beck
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Herdis Helmuth
Robert Urich, Captain

ALTERNATES

Homer Stevenson
Walter Keebortz
Andrew Cook
John M. Peterson
Lawrence Horn
Hendricks Love
Hugh Bassett

DEACONESSES: December 24, 26.

Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse
Mrs. Edwin R. Allen

COFFEE HOUR - December

Come Double Class

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OFFICIAL BOARD - Organization meeting, Sunday December 26, immediately following the 10:30 Service in the Church Parlor. The officers are meeting to elect a Board chairman, and other officers for 1966.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

December 19, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 7 | 2.05 |
| Nursery | 16 | 3.46 |
| Kindergarten | 22 | 3.86 |
| Primary | 34 | 6.56 |
| Juniors | 42 | 35.57 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 8 | 1.40 |
| 8th Grade | 10 | 2.50 |
| 9th Grade | 10 | 6.61 |
| High School Class | 27 | 17.14 |
| Young Adults | 0 | 3.26 |
| 158 Class | 10 | 11.00 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 44.50 |
| Come Double Class | 25 | 63.60 |
| Progressive Class | 35 | 334.35 |
| Friendly Class | 15 | 44.00 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 16.30 |
| Total | 298 | $ 595.78 |

## SOUTH EAST FAMILY "Y" BRANCH!

Just a reminder to you to mark your new calendar on January 14, 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. as the time when you are invited to take your family to the South East Branch Family "Y" for an evening of fun and recreation, and incidentally, see their fine building and facilities. If we request it, the Nursery will be staffed to care for the little folks. The Come Double Class members are in charge of the publicity for this event.

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## BABIES BLESSED LAST SUNDAY -

Rodney Elsworth Schubel
Karen Lynn McVay
William Allen Anderson
Shellie Rena Rorick
Tamara Teresa Tharp
Gail Helen Steigerwald
Sara Jane Peterson
David Lee Wittmer

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

During the last few months at Christian Theological Seminary I have been studying in a course on Worship and Church Music. It has been helpful to the extent that I have been given an awareness that many people don't know what worship really is. Attendance in the Sanctuary of the Lord on Sunday has become, for the most part, a throbbing habit, which, if we ceased would jar us suddenly into fearful oblivion of the unknown.

In her book on WORSHIP", Evelyn Underhill states that worship "is the acknowledgement of the transcendent Reality." My definition of it is "the response to Revelation." This is just a smaller part of her all-encompassing evaluation. When we attempt to worship, we first of all must say that God has done something! Apart from "the transcendent Reality" or, "All-pervading Presence" it is possible for man to worship. The very fact that we attempt to worship says that there is a God.! Man, apart from the Divine Creator, would never be able to attempt to worship. For worship is a response to what God is and has done, and will continue to do.

There are different types of worship. What the pagan worships in ignorance we worship in Spirit and truth. To be sure, there is a difference, but "God-inspired and Christ-endowed, Christian worship begins when man through humble faith in Christ steps into the presence of the living God!"

Christmas, the birth of Christ, makes the difference in our worship. May it make a difference in your life!

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1965

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)

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Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM

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High School Choir - Thursday 6:30 PM
Junior Choir - Sundays 6:00 PM

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - 10:30 A.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays at 10:30 AM
C.Y.F. Sundays 5:30 P.M.
CHI RHO Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
NOTE: Chi Rho will not meet this Sunday evening.
BOY SCOUTS Every Friday - 7:00 PM

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Always, "There's a song in the air:" when Christmas comes.

December 19, 1965

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 553 |
| Church School Attendance | 298 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 2117.25 |
| Church School Offering | ( 595.78 |
| Christmas Offering | ( 224.00 |
| Building Fund Offering | 30.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 8.10 |
| | $ 2975.13 |

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mr. L. R. Mote is a patient in Room 232, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Elna Taylor is a patient in Room 431, Parkview.

Mrs. Edna Mapel is a patient in room 563, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Olive Roy is a patient in room 417 Lutheran Hospital.

We are happy to report that young John III, is now recuperating from surgery at his home.

Mr. Buckley is still in hospital.

Mrs. Ollie Wiley is now in the Lutheran Nursing Home on So. Anthony, room 510.

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**The large red poinsettia in the Chancel is the gift of Mrs. Cowen in memory of Mr. Cowen.**

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IN SYMPATHY - Our hearts go out to Mrs. Cowen in her hours of deep sadness. Mr. Cowen was a faithful member Deacon in our Church.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana.** December 30, 1965 No. 13


## CHRIST CAME AT CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Eve Service was one of the loveliest I have ever attended! Who will soon forget the lovely music provided by our Choir, and by the Hambidge Trio, or Janet Weicker's lovely solo? The words of scripture as they came from the prophecies of Isaiah, and seen in their fulfillment in I Timothy 1:15, 3: 16; and the charge found in I Timothy 6:11-16;20-21, left your minister feeling that we had indeed welcomed Christ into our hearts at Christmas. Thank you all for making this a memorable worship experience! In spite of the pouring rain more than 250 persons came to adore Christ as King! I felt like the ancient hymn writer when he wrote: "O Holy Night!"

## NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE - 7:30 P.M.

Have you ever said, "I wished there were some wonderful place called the Land of Beginning Again? Well there is - at the foot of the Cross! I know that the words of the Holy Scriptures come from God and that when they tell us in David's great Psalm that only those with "clean hands and a pure heart" can stand in His presence I bow in awe and adoration seeking His forgiving grace and claiming His mercy and pardon - without which none of us shall be saved.

The service on New Year's Eve will lift up out of the Word of God the repeated assurances of pardon for our transgressions and the granting of newness to all who seek. Think of this promise: "IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, AND WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS"...., "If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MONTHLY GROUP MEETINGS

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, 3521 Robinwood Tuesday, January 4 at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Fern Teeple, Worship, Mrs. Henry Butler.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Chevalier, 5211 Lillie St. on Tuesday, January 4, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. A. N. Shockney, Worship, Mrs. H. G. Helmuth.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Melvin Foster, 4103 S. Calhoun St., Wednesday, January 5, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Henry Schryver, Worship by Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Wetzel, 3028 S. Anthony Blvd., Wednesday, January 5, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Hunt; Worship by Mrs. Earl Fusselman.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. W. J. Williams, 6710 S. Calhoun St. Thursday, January 6, at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Ben Taylor, Worship, Mrs. Helen Clymore.

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NOTE: Jack Smith was a patient in Parkview Hospital, Room 330

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IN SYMPATHY - We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Ralph Reynolds and her family in the recent loss of her sister.

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CHURCH ORGANIZATION - Mr. R.M. Vanderwall was re-elected chairman of the Official Board. J. Carl Smith, Vice-Chairman. Mr. Wendell Glass, Chrmn. Trustees. Wm. Franklin, Chrm Elders Board, Mr. Merle Rice, Chrm, Deacons Board; Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Chr. Deaconesses.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving January 2, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

William Franklin
George Bruckman

10:30 A.M. Service -

Dr. Lee Butler
Kenneth Edwards

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Donald C. Smith
Garland Morrolf
Carl D. Linn
F. Wayne Rousseau

10:30 A.M. Service -

Melvin Foster
Ben G. Taylor
William J. Lehman
Cecil Beck
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Merle D. Rice
John E. Black

ALTERNATES:

Homer Stevenson
Walter Keebortz
Dempsey Weaver
John M. Peterson
Lawrence Horn
Hendricks Love
Hugh Bassett

DEACONESSES: Jan. 2, 9, 16.

Mrs. William R. Love
Mrs. Ralph Church

COFFEE HOUR - January '58 Class

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A day is a wonderful thing. It is like a great doorway flung wide for you to pass through into all manner of adventures. -St. Nicholas.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

My wife and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the friends and members of the Church for sending Christmas cards and other expressions of thoughtfulness during this Season of joy and peace. Our earnest prayer has been that you may receive the highest gift that could ever come to man, a gift that only God could give - the gift of His Son.

Our world, the world in which we may spend 1966, is a rebellious world. It is a world that seems to be bent upon possessing itself! But this it can never do without contributing to its own ultimate destruction. A world that does not live for God becomes nothing more than an ingrown toenail.

Why doesn't God do something? He has done all that can be done without violating our very natures and His nature, too. The only hope for our world in 1966 is, as it has been for the past nineteen centuries, Jesus Christ. He came in the form of human flesh to reveal God. As such, he submitted himself to all that human hands could inflict upon. These acts culminated in the human savagery and ignorance of a cruel death on the cross. Being faithful unto death, his earthly life was vindicated by the resurrection from the dead.

From there on out, man's part has been to respond to what God has done. If our world survives in 1966 it will be because of man's response to the Eternal God's identification with His creation. You can't build a better life, using your imaginative genius. You can't build a better world on the design of some grand sociological experiment. Only obedience to God's will and the willingness to let others discover that Will is the way to peace and brotherhood.

John W. Williams, Associate Minister.

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

December 26, 1965

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | 1.38 |
| Nursery | 12 | 1.66 |
| Kindergarten | 11 | 1.96 |
| Primary | 21 | 6.25 |
| Juniors | 28 | 7.20 |
| Junion High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 7 | .80 |
| 8th Grade | 12 | 1.48 |
| 9th Grade | 9 | .65 |
| High School Class | 22 | 3.62 |
| Young Adults | 10 | 3.65 |
| '58 Class | 8 | 3.50 |
| Berean Class | 8 | 3.25 |
| Come Double Class | 16 | 7.50 |
| Progressive Class | 19 | 16.00 |
| Friendly Class | 5 | 2.85 |
| Men's Class | 5. | 2.25 |
| Totals | 207 | $ 62.70 |

## APPRECIATION!

Mrs. Harold Nordblom wishes to take this means to thank her friends and members of the Church for their cards of good wishes, prayers, and other kindnesses shown her and her family during her recent stay in the hospital.

The custodian wishes to thank all the members of First Christian Church for being one of them and for the pleasure of working for them in the year 1965. May God bless you all in 1966.

August Mueller

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Junior Choir - Sundays 6:00 PM

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - 10:30 A.M.

JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays at 10:30 AM

C.Y.F. Sundays 5:30 P.M.

CHI RHO Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

BOY SCOUTS Every Friday - 7:00 P.M.

The Adult Church School will resume study in their own classes - some of the Classes will study the Book of Acts, and some will use the Bethany Quarterly lessons.

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truth is not in us."(IJohn 1:9, 10)

Hear our great choir sing, "There Is A Balm in Gilead" and "For God So Loved The World"; Hear Mrs. Weicker sing, "The Love of God" and Bob Cocherille sing, "How Great Thou Art", etc. with Mrs. Robert Feichter bringing a lovely number. If you miss this service - well, you'll miss a wonderful opportunity to seek God's grace and pardon, and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Let's fill the Sanctuary to overflowing. Let's confess our failures and faults to Him, and begin the New Year with a new heart and home!

Sunday's Sermon -
"LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN"

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December 26, 1965

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 351 |
| Church School Attendance | 207 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1862.65 |
| Church School Offering | 62.70 |
| Christmas Offering | 60.50 |
| Building Fund Offering | 2.25 |
| U.C.F.A. | 9.10 |
| | $ 1997.20 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
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U.C.F.A. GOAL $ 47,873.17

Mrs. Floyd Morrical's mother, Mrs. Pugh is a patient in Room 716 Parkview.

Mr. L.R. Mote underwent surgery on Tuesday of this week.

Jerry Warner was a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Room 465.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** January 6, 1966 No. 14


## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Jonathan Edwards, the great New England preacher of a generation gone by, wrote in his diary the following:

"Resolved: that every man should live to the glory of God.

"Resolved: that whether others do this or not, I will."

Or take this note from Albert W. Palmer's writings:

"All this day I am going to be a child of God. His love is round about me. Underneath are the everlasting arms. I am going to be honest and true in all events of life and I believe that to those who love God all things work together for good. I am going to rise above all worry, fretting, fear and hatred, and live in an atmosphere of spiritual serenity. Behind all that comes, God's love and wisdom will be present to strengthen and sustain."

Let this new year bring to your life and home a sense of peace and of quiet serenity. Christ has come. He is with you now! His peace and His presence are yours and mine at this very moment. Open your heart to Him and say, "Lord, from this moment on I am yours, come what may!" Visualize in your mind a throne and a cross, and then remembering that the self will take one seat and the Eternal God must take the one which remains, imagine yourself on the Cross, and God upon the throne of your life! See Him as close companion and wonderful friend with you this blessed moment.

Sunday's Sermon: "Prescription For A New Life"

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Ethel Shroyer 4821 Tacoma Ave. Monday evening, January 10 at 8:00 o'clock. Program by Mrs. Owen Vaught; Worship, Mrs. T. R. Eiler.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Eckert, 8619 Decatur Rd. January 11, at 8:00 P.M. (Tues.) Program by Mrs. James Ruble; Worship Mrs. Kenneth Hunt.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Jack Kammer, 3820 Hiawatha Program by Mrs. Garland Morrolf; Worship by Mrs. James Cain.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Church Officers will be installed at the 10:30 A.M. Worship Service on Sunday, January 16. All officers on the Official Board are urged to mark their calendars and be present on the 16th.

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VESPER HOUR - Sunday January 9

Mr. Bill W. Barnes, from Christian Theological Seminary, and Mr. James Reed, will be with us next Sunday evening, January 9, from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. and will speak on "Wills and Bequests". This a a Pilot program and our church has been selected for presenting this most informative program. We would hope that all our Official Board members and many of our church people will come out to hear Mr. Barnes.

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As you enter the New Year, take God to be your Father; Jesus Christ to be your Savior; The Holy Spirit to be your guide; The Bible to be the rule of your life. Consider Christian work your duty and privilege.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
Officers Serving January 9, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
David Griggs -
Robert Rayl

10:30 A.M. Service -
William Caldwell
Albert Powell

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Melvin Foster

10:30 A.M. Service
Donald C. Smith
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
James Cain
Hugh Bassett
Hendricks Love
Lawrence Horn

ALTERNATES
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John Black
Merle Rice
Cecil Beck
Ben Taylor
J. W. Lehman
John Peterson

DEACONESSES: January 9, 16
Mrs. William R. Love
Mrs. Ralph Church

COFFEE HOUR - January
'58 Class

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NOTE: Mrs. Neil Allen is quite ill at her home.

Mr. Walter Birkhold is entering Lutheran Hospital to undergo surgery on Friday this week.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
January 2, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .46 |
| Nursery | 15 | 1.86 |
| Kindergarten | 14 | 3.01 |
| Primary | 32 | 3.26 |
| Juniors | 38 | 6.70 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 8 | 1.56 |
| 8th Grade | 10 | 1.60 |
| 9th Grade | 13 | 1.39 |
| High School Class | 28 | 4.15 |
| Young Adults | 6 | 2.45 |
| '58 Class | 13 | 6.00 |
| Berean Class | 9 | 4.50 |
| Come Double Class | 23 | 9.70 |
| Progressive Class | 26 | 12.00 |
| Friendly Class | 17 | 3.50 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 4.50 |
| Totals | 267 | $ 62.14 |

## NOTES!

Mrs. James Naile has been secured to fill a new position, Director of Church School and Related activities, beginning January 3rd. She will be charged with assisting our Christian Education Department committees in furthering our Sunday School, training and recruiting teachers, upgrading the curriculum, and organizing a more effective total Church School program.

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You are cordially invited to the First Christian Church Guest Night at the SOUTHEAST FAMILY BRANCH YMCA 5125 Werling Drive, on Friday evening 14th, from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M.

Come and join in an evening of fun and recreation with your Class and fellow Church members. Bring your swim suit and towel if you like to swim.

The Come-Double Class is sponsoring this evening of fun. See you there!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

During the next few Sundays in our Junior Church, we will be thinking about the life of Jesus Christ. It is thrilling to watch these young Christians take part in the worship of God. Some of them help with serving the Lord's Supper, some read the Bible, others lead in prayer, while several participate in choir. Nearly everyone present has some responsibility as a privilege.

Young people must be taught by parents and other adults that the Church is the most important institution in any community. Henry H. Halley, in his Handbook of the Bible, says, "The Sunday services are the Church's principle way of doing its work. It is THE event in the life of the community. NOTHING EVER HAPPENS IN ANY COMMUNITY as important to the life of the community as the regular Sunday Worship Services."

You may tell yourself that you can worship God off by a river or a lake. But His Word says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together on the first day of the week to break bread." (Heb. 10:25) If a person can't find Christ and God in the company of other sincere seekers, in God's own House, I doubt very seriously if they can find him in the "wonders of nature." Let's be truthful! We just like to do other things better than worship God! If we love God, we will worship Him in His appointed place, not ours! Mr. Halley continues, "the Church's Worship is Christ's work, even tho it is in human hands that are all too human, and pitifully unworthy and inefficient. With all its shortcomings, the average service in the average church is helpful; and, if we can keep ourselves in the right spirit, it will do us good." Fellow-Christian, you have an appointment. Will you keep it?

John W. Williams

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JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays, 10:30 AM

C. Y.F. Sundays at 5:30 PM

CHI RHO Sundays at 5:30 PM

BOY SCOUTS Every Friday - 7:00 P.M.

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PRIMARY CHURCH - This Sunday, and every second Sunday of the month, the parents will pick up their children after Sunday School and sit with them in the front pews of the Sanctuary, reserved for them, until the singing of the Doxology, after which the children will return to the Primary room with their leaders.

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I AM RESOLVED: never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another;
---- **Jonathan Edwards**

January 2, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 441 |
| Church School Attendance | 267 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1194.42 |
| Church School Offering | 62.14 |
| Building Fund Offering | 59.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 5.00 |
| | $ 1320.56 |

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK!

Robert Clipp underwent surgery on Tuesday this week, at Lutheran Hospital. He is in room 230.

Mr. Harry Hiler has been ill. He is in the Parnell Nursing Home.

Mrs. Gordon Howell underwent surgery Tuesday morning at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Orlie Conner was a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Clive Roy is still a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Room 417.

Mr. Mote is slowly recovering. He is in room 416 Lutheran Hospital.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## INGREDIENTS FOR A DEEPENING SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sunday I used E. Stanley Jones' 10 daily disciplines for the development of a spiritual life and many of you asked for a copy. This front page is much more effective for it gets them to all of you who asked, and makes them available to all others.

(1) Cultivate daily the disciplines of the spiritual life. (2) Keep honest at any cost. ( I added: with God, with Self, with Others. ) (3) Keep confessing your sins after your conversion, and don't be afraid to say, "I'm sorry, I was wrong." (4) Pray for those who wrong you. (5) Constantly enlarge the area of your conversion. (I added: personal life, home life, community life, and a world vision. ) (6) Give up habits that are out of harmony with the life and love of Christ. (7) After partaking of the Divine Nature add to your faith the suggestions of the Apostle Peter ( II Peter 1:3-7 ) (8) Develop a stewardship of life, and develop the habit of tithing your income to Christian causes. (9) Repeat just before going to sleep the words of the scripture: "In Him who strengthens me, I am able for anything." (Begin your day with the same affirmation of His indwelling strength. ) (10) For m the habit of speaking to someone every day about Christ.

A prescription with much simpler terms, but in the same direction would be:

**(1) Learn How to Give of yourself.**
**(2) Learn How to Forgive Others**
**(3) Learn To Live With Thanksgiving**

Take a liberal dose of the above prescription daily for a month and your mate will hardly recognize you'! The children will be amazed at how you've changed! It's worth a try, isn't it?

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
General Monthly Meeting

The CWF general meeting will held on Tuesday, January 18, at 1:00 PM. at the Church. Program topic: "Restructure - What's It All About?" Our guest speaker, Mr. Edwin R. Allender, Associate General Secretary for Program Services to Local Churches, Indianapolis. will tell us something about "Restructure " in the Disciples of Christ Church, and we will have opportunity to ask questions. Please, let us have a fine group out to hear about and discuss this matter of "Restructure"

The McGavran Group will be in charge of worship; Dye Group members are hostesses; Refreshments will be served by the Kepple Group.

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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be on Friday February 5, at 1:30 PM at the Trinity Episcopal Church. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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## MEN'S MEETING

The men of the Church are in process of organizing a Men's Prayer Breakfast group to meet at the Church on each Saturday morning. Their first meeting will be this Saturday, January 15 at 7 to 8:30 A.M. All men of the church are invited to come and share in this fellowship. John Barbre is heading this venture.

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Let everyone remember that he who violates the laws of the land tramples on the blood of the fathers and tears asunder the charter of his own and his children's liberty.

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
Officers Serving January 16, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
John Barbre
William R. Love

10:30 A.M. Service -
Richard Vanderwall
C. Bueford Tharp

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Kenneth A. Gould
Arza Smith

10:30 A.M. Service -
E.M. 'Laughlin
Ralph Weesner
Leon H. Johns
Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John L. Clark
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Paul E. Yentes
Jefferson Young
Robert Urich
Ward Bundy
Andrew C. Cook

DEACONESSES: January 16
Mrs. William R. Love
Mrs. Ralph Church

COFFEE HOUR - January
'58 Class

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NOTE: Mrs. Neil Allen is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 622.

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The Lord has as much trouble with soft heads and he has with hard hearts.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Do you want to change your life? I overheard some one witnessing the other day, and that person said, "If you don't want to change your ideas, your feelings and your habits, you had better not mess around with Jesus Christ!" Far too many people go right on being the same old people they always have been. They just have not been introduced to Jesus Christ.

A friend of mine once told me that she liked Jesus Christ because of the calm, casual way he lived and taught. She furthermore deplored the fact that so many ministers thought discipleship meant revolutionizing life. But that is precisely what discipleship means. Jesus is dogmatic. There is no wavering to and fro with his thoughts and demands. He is decisive and dynamic. Either he is King and Lord and Savior, or he is nothing and deserves not one second of our concentrated attention.

Don't dicker around with him! He is no cheap trader who comes to town once in a while to see if he can fleece you out of your wool. Never in his life have you seen him set up business in a bargain basement. Who are you to be so presumptuous as to think that you can wheel and deal with the Son of God? Yet, we do just that when we rationalize the dogmatic and authoritative orders of Jesus.

Jusr as His Word is revolutionary in what it demands, so are the benefits proportionately enlarged by His grace. To be a Christian demands total surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord. Only when we recognize life is unmanageable without him can we discover the great salvation that blesses our lives with power.

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

January 9, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 11 | .40 |
| Nursery | 15 | 3.18 |
| Kindergarten | 18 | 1.60 |
| Primary | 40 | 4.72 |
| Juniors | 38 | 7.50 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 7 | 1.15 |
| 8th Grade | 14 | 2.48 |
| 9th Grade | 13 | 1.10 |
| High School Class | 30 | 3.23 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 25 | 15.00 |
| Berean Class | 9 | 3.00 |
| Come Double Class | 26 | 12.25 |
| Progressive Class | 19 | 17.25 |
| Friendly Class | 15 | 3.30 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 4.50 |
| Totals | 293 | $ 86.16 |

## GUEST NIGHT

You are cordially invited to the First Christian Church Guest Night at the SOUTHEAST BRANCH - YMCA, 5125 Werling Drive, on this Friday evening January 14, from 8:00 to 10:00 PM Bring your swim suit and towel. The Come-double Class is sponsoring this evening of fun. See you there!

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## ANNUAL MEETING

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF FORT WAYNE, INC. will hold their annual dinner meeting and business session at St. John's United Church of Christ at Webster and Washington Sts., on Monday evening, January 24, at 6:30 PM The Rev. Walter Klein, Bishop of the Northern Indiana Diocese of the Episcopal Church will be the featured speaker. This topic, "Power and Grace" Reservations must be in the Associated Churches office by Friday, January 21. The cost is $2.00.

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BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - 10:30 A.M.

JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays, 10:30 AM
C.Y.F. Sundays at 5:30 PM
CHI RHO Sundays at 5:30 PM
BOY SCOUTS Every Friday - 7:00 PM

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## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

**The Church Officers will be installed at the 10:30 A.M. Worship Service on Sunday, January 16. All officers on the Official Board are urged to be present.**

From Page -1-

Sunday's Sermon:
"Servants of the Servant"
(Installation of Elders, Deacons, Trustees, etc.)

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January 9, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 469 |
| Church School Attendance | 293 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 2518.72 |
| Church School Offering | 86.16 |
| Building Fund Offering | 11.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 43.16 |
| | $ 2658.98 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION TO THE BUILDING FUND IS THE BALANCE NOW DUE $ 50,043.55

U.C.F.A. GOAL $ 47,123.17

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK!

Miss Christine Elmore was a patient in Lutheran Hospital.
Mr. Melvin McNamee is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 330.

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## IN SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Robert Perkins and family, and her mother, Mrs. Buckley, in the recent loss of father and husband. Our prayer is that they will be sustained in their hour of sorrow.

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## APPRECIATION!

**Mrs. Dempsey Weaver wishes to express her sincere thanks for the calls, good wishes, prayers and other kindnesses shown her during her illness.**




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## WHEN THE HEART HUNGERS ...

ph Spaulding Cushman in his little booklet entitled, A Pocket Prayer and De-ional Gui de, lists what he calls "The Christian's Holy Habits." They are as ows:

1. Form the habit of keeping holy some portion of each day for Bible reading and for prayer. Make this your first business.

2. Form the habit of giving, every week, a definite portion of your time in special service to your fellow men, in the name of Christ and of His Church.

3. Make attendance at public worship a fixed habit of your life. Allow yourself no excuse for non-attendance that you would not give to your associates in business.

4. Form the habit of accepting every opportunity to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Christ will meet you in the communion. Jesus says, "I am the Bread of Life."

5. Form the holy habit of setting apart a definite proportion of your money for the work of the Kingdom. Make it the first draft upon your income, set it aside with prayer; use it carefully as unto God. Have faith to begin with "at least a tithe". This habit will be for you a trusty thermometer, marking the temper of your life.

concludes this article with the words: "These, my friends, are the holy habits commend. Others will follow, but behind them all, of course, must be the

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## OPERATION PARTNERSHIP

THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE WHOLE CHURCH FOR THE WHOLE WORLD!

STATE-WIDE RALLY at Indianapolis in CLOWES HALL (Butler University) on Saturday, February 5, from 1:30 to 5:00 PM. If you have not seen this very modern piece of architecture - Clowes Hall - this is your opportunity to not only hear about the Brotherhood OPERATION PARTNERSHIP Program but to see this fine building.

DISTRICT RALLIES: On February 20 -Sunday- First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, will host the Rally for District One. 2:30 to 5:00 PM. Mark your calendar and plan to be present.

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NOTES: Our minister, Brother George, has accepted an invitation from the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Manoski, Pastor, of St. John The Baptist Church to participate in a joint service at St. John's on Tuesday, January 25. Members of our congregation have been invited to attend this service.

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## THANK YOU

Mrs. Gordon Howell wishes to take this means to thank everyone who remembered her with calls, prayers and get-well wishes during her recent hospitalization.

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Robert Clipp also wishes to express his thanks for the cards, calls, prayers and other kindnesses shown them during his recent stay in the hospital.

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. C. F. Durfee has gone into Lutheran Hospital for tests and X-ray.

Walter Birkhold is recuperating at home Mrs. Roy will be going home soon.

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving January 23, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

J. Fred Smell
Charles Fuchshuber

10:30 A.M. Service -

Glenn R. Miller
William Crouse

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Frank M. Moody
Paul D. Truby
Le Roy Timbrook
Paul E. Yentes

10:30 A.M. Service -

Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Kenneth Gould
Arza Smith
A. Jefferson Young
Robert Urich
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ALTERNATES:

E. M. O'Laughlin
Ralph Weesner
Leon H. Johns
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Ray Loftin
John L. Clark
Arthur Mowery

DEACONESSES: January 23, 30; Feb.

Mrs. S.E. Merriman
Mrs. Paul Truby

COFFEE HOUR - January '58 Class

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CORRECTION - CYF meets on Sunday evenings at 5:00 P.M.

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January 16, 1966

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|---|---|---|
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| Kindergarten | 20 | 2,93 |
| Primary | 40 | 4.71 |
| Juniors | 46 | 7.66 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 8 | .90 |
| 8th Grade | 9 | .70 |
| 9th Grade | 12 | 1.20 |
| High School Class | 39 | 3.70 |
| '58 Class | 18 | 11.60 |
| Berean Class | 11 | 3.00 |
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| Men's Class | 8 | 4.25 |
| Totals | 326 | $80.52 |

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CMF was re-organized last Saturday morning, January 15 with a breakfast in the Church Fellowship Hall at 7:00 The following slate of officers were elected:

President - John H. Barbre
Vice-Pres. - John R. Thompson
Secy-Treas. - William E. Wilson

The next breakfast is scheduled to be held in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 12. All men of the Church are urged to attend.

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## IN APPRECIATION

Mrs. Robert Perkins and Mrs. Roy Buckley wish to express their sincere thanks for the cards, flowers and the many acts of kindness shown them during the illness and death of their father and husband.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

One great desire that seems to be prevalent in Christian circles today is that the power of God should touch human life and reclaim and restore and revitalize it. From young children right on through every age, people are craving the recreative influence of God. For this reason, Christian Education is a part of the total picture of the Church, is utilizing the best that it has to help people mature in Christian faith.

The Church as the body of Christ and the redeeming community is seeking to evangelize the world. At the same time it is aware of the continuing need for nurturing the spiritual growth of those already within this framework. As St. Paul words it in the Roman Epistle, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'He who through faith is righteous shall live.'" (Romans 1:16, 17)

You see, the gospel is the power of God both for those who are part of the body of Christ and for those who are being brought into it, the Jew and the Greek. What St. Paul is saying is this: even though we become a part of the Body of Christ, we do not outgrow our need for God's power in our lives to redeem, recreate and reclaim. And he is saying that the power to accomplish this, whether we are in the body of Christ or out of it, is the good news that Christ died for our sins and lives that we might live, too.

The one central aim of Christian Education is to communicate the presence of the living Christ as the Savior of the world. John W. Williams, Associate

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 1966

15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

30 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School

(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)

SITATION EVANGELISM _
Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM

IOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 P.M.
High School Choir - Thursday 6:30 PM
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5:00 PM

teresting programs are being planned
the choirs; YOU will want to be a part
these plans. Come Thursday evening
d hear all about it. The Choir will
ld their Coffee Hour at the church this
ursday following rehearsal. Mrs. Doris
ock is hostess.

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Y.F. Sundays at 5:30 PM
II RHO Sundays at 5:30 PM
Y SCOUTS Every Friday - 7:00 PM
NIOR CHURCH - Sundays, 10:30 AM

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hunger after God! By using these habits you will have provided the channels through which God can bless your days, and more than this, God will make of you a faithful steward of the Church of Christ."

How hungry is your heart after God? How real do you want God to become in your life? How many holy habits have you formed in your daily living? Have you read David's "death-bed assessment of life?" Read I Chronicles 28 - 29.

Sunday's Sermon:
"THE HEART QUESTS FOR GOD"

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January 16, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 441 |
| Church School Attendance | 326 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1315.13 |
| Church School Offering | 80.52 |
| | $ 1395.65 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
TO THE
BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 50,043.55

U.C.F.A. GOAL $ 47,123.17

### IN SYMPATHY

Mrs. Virgil Montgomery's mother, Mrs. Gordon, passed away last week.

Mr. Richard Mills' father passed away last week and was buried Saturday at Decatur, Ind.

Our hearts go out in sorrow to these fine folk in their days of sadness.

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BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - 10:30 A.M.
Every Sunday.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** January 27, 1966 No. 17


## "THE SOURCE OF MAN'S STRENGTH ..."

Evelyn Underhill has written a bit called, The Shepherd And His Dog, and it indicates in a beautiful way the source of man's strength in the face of life's trials and troubles ...

"They are helping the shepherd to deal with a lot of very active sheep and lambs, to persuade them into the right pastures, to keep them from rushing down the wrong paths. And how did the successful dog do it? Not by barking, fuss, ostentatious authority, and kind of bush behaviour. The best dog, I saw never barked once; and he spent an astonishing amount of his time sitting perfectly still, looking at the shepherd. The communion of spirit between them was perfect. They worked as a unit. Neither of them seemed anxious or in a hurry. Neither was committed to a rigid plan; they were always content to wait. That dog was the docile and faithful agent of another mind. He used his whole intelligence and initiative, but always in obedience to his master's directive will; and was ever prompt at self-effacement.

The little mountain sheep he had to deal with were amazingly tiresome, as expert in doubling and twisting and going the wrong way as any naughty little boy. The dog went steadily on with it; and his tail never ceased to wag.

What did that mean? It meant that his relation to the shepherd was the center of his life; and because of that, he enjoyed doing his job with the sheep, he did not bother about the trouble, nor get discouraged with the apparent

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

February Group Meetings

The McGAVRAN Group will meet at the Church February 1, at 1:30 PM. Mrs. Charles Dilts, Hostess. Program by Mrs. Hugh Rice; Worship, Mrs. Lee Butler.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs George Bruckman, 3729 South Drive, February 1, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Robert Ogles; Worship, Mrs. John Hoop.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Ave., Wednesday, February 2, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Herman Weber, Worship, Mrs. Leo Trim.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Crouse, 6502 S. Calhoun St., Wednesday, February 2, at 1:30 P.M. Assistant hostess, Mrs. A. J. Young; Program Mrs. Wm. Hunt; Worship by Mrs. Fred Hilker.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Howard Overmyer, 920 Clayburn Wednesday, February 2 at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Elliot Bragg; Worship Mrs. Phillip Uhl.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Max Finkhousen, 4110 Lillie St., Thursday, February 3, at 7:45 PM. Program by Mrs. Ralph Church; Worship by Mrs. Walter Williams.

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## IN MEMORIUM

It is with a deep sense of sorrow that we report the recent passing of one of our loyal and faithful members, Mrs. C.F. (Minnie) Durfee . Mrs. Durfee was a member of this church for many years, serving her church and her Lord in many ways. She was recently elected an Honorary Deaconess. She was an active member of the Dye Group of the C.W.F. and for a number of years taught the Ladies Bible Class. She will be greatly missed.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving January 30, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Ronald McVay
William Franklin

10:30 A.M. Service -
Cecil Rice
Kenneth Edwards

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
J. Carl Smith
Merland Heller
Charles Speicher
Vernon Moore

10:30 A.M. Service -
Romane Cole
Edwin Allen
James Heavin
Rufus Quinn - Captain
Thomas Thornbury
John Varner
George Davis
Edward M. Smith

ALTERNATES

Leland Higgins -James Ruble
Paul Kenline - Virgil Montgomery
James Kirsch - Herman Weber
Herdis Helmuth - Robert Schubel

JUNIOR DEACONS -

Steven Duncan
Chip Allen
Mike Kreischer
Kirk Butler
Glenn Smith
Greg Allen
Tom Rayl
Loren Hanks

DEACONESSES: January 30, February 6

Mrs. S.E. Merriman
Mrs. Paul Truby

COFFEE HOUR - January

'58 Class

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Insanity is hereditary. You can get it from your children.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

January 23, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .22 |
| Nursery | 10 | .40 |
| Kindergarten | 19 | 2.00 |
| Primary | 40 | 9.40 |
| Juniors | 47 | 7.57 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 9 | 1.65 |
| 8th Grade | 12 | 1.40 |
| 9th Grade | 14 | 1.75 |
| High School Class | 30 | 5.57 |
| Young Adults | 4 | 1.50 |
| '58 Class | 18 | 11.00 |
| Berean Class | 14 | 4.00 |
| Come Double Class | 35 | 13.55 |
| Progressive Class | 24 | 14.25 |
| Friendly Class | 12 | 2.55 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 4.75 |
| Totals | 305 | $ 82.56 |

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mr. & Mrs. Ward Bundy were both in Lutheran Hospital but have now returned home.

Some of our members will remember Miss Agnes Crabill. Miss Crabill is in Parkview Hospital suffering from a broken hip.

Mr. Herman Sigrist has been for the past several days a patient in the La Grange Hospital. He expects to go home this week-end.

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## WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Both Walter Birkhold and Mrs. Olive Roy wish to take this means to thank their many friends for the prayers, calls get well wishes and other kindnesses shown them while they were in the hospital.

Mr. L. R. Mote also wishes to thank those who remembered him with cards visits and prayers during his stay in the hospital.

## WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE WE WAITING FOR?

## YOUTH WEEK

January 30 .....February 6

1966 YOUTH WEEK will be observed in most of our churches. This is an opportunity to recognize the young people of our church, to give them experience in churchmanship, and to talk about their concerns in our world.

Chi Rho'ers and their friends will have a dinner meeting this next Sunday evening January 30, at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. Lt. M. Ainslie, Fort Wayne Police Academy, will be our speaker. We cordially invite all our youth of Chi Rho age to come.

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## JUNIOR DEACONS!

ATTENTION PLEASE - If you were one of the young men asked to become a Junior Deacon and could not attend the meeting last Sunday, and if you are interested, please call Merle Rice, 484-1339, or one of the co-chairmen - Chip Allen, 745-4317; or, Craig Wascovich, 747-2511, giving your name and address and telephone number. The setting up of the schedule is being deferred to give you an opportunity to make your call.

DO IT NOW!

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## HAND BELLS

This is still the project of the Choirs. They continue to solicit GREEN Stamps. They have 85 books which is wonderful but at least 200 more books are needed The Chi Rho youth of our church are looking forward to the day when they can be ringing these bells. Let us all get under the load and help with this project. Thank you. Bill Wetzel and Choir members. Get your donation of stamps to them or to the Church office.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1966

8;15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. -
Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 PM
High School Choir - Thursday 6:30
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.

Interesting programs are being planned for the choirs: They are working on the Easter music and other music for recording. Come Thursday evening and become a part of it all.

C.Y.F. Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
Chi Rho Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays, 10:30 AM
Beginners Worship - Sundays, 10:30 AM

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results. The dog had transcended mere dogginess. His actions were dictated by something right beyond himself. He was the agent of the shepherd, working for a scheme which was just that which was the source of the delightedness, the eagerness, and also the discipline with which he worked. But he would not have kept that peculiar and intimate relation unless he had sat down and looked at the shepherd a good deal."

Think of this story awhile. How much time do we spend with our attention focused on the Divine Shepherd? Is most of our time focused on the troubles and tensions of our time and have we not forgotten this is still God's world and He is still at work in it through those who will let Him? Take at least 15 minutes to start your day off meditating upon the Shepherd of God and the problems will not seem so large!

Sunday's Sermon:
"IF YOU ARE RISEN WITH CHRIST"

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January 23, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 380 |
| Church School Attendance | 305 |
| Regular Church Offering | 958.41 |
| Church School Offering | 82.56 |
| Building Fund | 1.10 |
| U.C.F.A. | 3.00 |
| | $ 1045.07 |

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## STATE-WIDE RALLY OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

The hour has arrived when the Christian men and women, boys and girls, of the world must become as militant in advancing the Kingdom of God as the enemies of God are in thrusting their paganism upon our civilization. We have sat on the sidelines for far too long shouting our negative criticisms to those who are on the battlefield engaged in the struggle for Christ's Kingdom! Just as the thousands sitting in the stands watching a great football game can yell and shout their advice to the participants without really any vital involvement in the struggle, so it is possible for "Church-members" to remain spectators while the participants are bearing the burden of the day!

The call is being sounded in Indiana for all the churches of our great Brotherhood to join hands and hearts in working together to bring the good news of the Kingdom of God to bear upon today's world as never before. "OPERATION PARTNERSHIP" is designed to challenge each individual in every church to come down out of the stands and get on the line (or carry the ball, or perhaps block for the one carrying the ball against formidable odds) for Christ!

OPERATION PARTNERSHIP will begin with a state-wide rally in Indianapolis on this coming Saturday, beginning with the lunch provided by the State Convention of Christian Churches. Here is an opportunity to join hands and hearts with thousands of Christian Church leaders, to see the new seminary buildings of Christian Theological Seminary, and to become a participant in the daring venture of faith

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

February Group Meetings

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Richard Mills, 4650 So. Monroe St., , Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. George Wascovich; Worship by Mrs. John Olson

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Mildred Hartman, 301 E. Fleming, Monday February 14 at 8 PM Program by Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Worship by Mrs. Paul Kenline.

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IN APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. Doyal White and other nieces and nephews of Mrs. C. E. Durfee wish to take this means to thank all members and friends in First Christian Church for the many kindnesses shown Mrs. Durfee during her times of illness and for their prayers, messages of cheer and calls during her last illness. We also wish to thank those in the Church who so graciously assisted the family at time of death.

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APPRECIATION MONTH!

A banquet for teachers and officers of the Church School is given in recognition and appreciation of their loyal service during the years. This dinner will be on February 9 at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Dr. Jerad Gerig, President of Fort Wayne Bible College will be the speaker.

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IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Hazel Herndon for the recent loss of her sister, Mrs. Lulu Mingus.

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Also, our hearts go out in sympathy to Mrs. Omer Guingrich and family in the recent loss of her mother.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving February 6, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Albert Powell

Eugene Klepfer

10:30 A.M. Service -

Glenn Miller

David Hogg

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Leland Higgins

Paul Kenline

James Kirsch

Herdis Helmuth

10:30 A.M. Service -

Carl Smith

Merland Heller

Charles Spiecher

Vernon Moore

Virgil Montgomery

James Ruble

Herman Weber

Robert Schubel

Rufus Quinn, Captain

ALTERNATES:

Romane Cole ... Thomas Thombury

Edwin Allen ... John C. Varner

James P. Heavin ... George Davis

Rufus Quinn ... Edward M. Smith

JUNIOR DEACONS:

Junior Deacons will not serve next Sunday. The present schedule is for you to serve one Sunday in each month. You will be called or notified by mail before the next scheduled Sunday. Watch the Tidings for listing of names.

DEACONESSES: February 6

Mrs. S.E. Merriman

Mrs. Paul Truby

COFFEE HOUR - February

Progressive Class

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
January 30, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 8 | .67 |
| Nursery | 16 | 2.03 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 1.58 |
| Primary | 42 | 4.19 |
| Juniors | 35 | 6.31 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 10 | 1.50 |
| 8th Grade | 10 | 2.00 |
| 9th Grade | 10 | 1.85 |
| High School Class | 34 | 6.20 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 class | 19 | 9.00 |
| Berean Class | 14 | 4.00 |
| Come Double Class | 27 | 14.00 |
| Progressive Class | 18 | 11.00 |
| Friendly Class | 10 | 1.65 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 3.00 |
| Totals | 252 | $ 69.98 |

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mr. Harry Hiler is now a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 630.

Mrs. Robert Donohue has been a patient in Room 213, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. C. W. Winfield suffered a light stroke last week, at her home.

Julie Quinn underwent foot surgery last week at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Roger Crist became a patient in Lutheran Hospital last Friday, Jan. 28.

The young grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Herman Weber is quite ill in Parkview Hospital.

Mr. David Langohr underwent an appendectomy last week at Parkview.

Mr. Ross E. Cross underwent surgery Tuesday of this week at Lutheran Hospital.

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Learn to hold loosely all that is not eternal. Copied ...

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Our hats are off to the Chi Rho Adult Advisors for the successful way in which they helped our young people to observe Youth Week. It was a whopping success, too, for the young people. They had many of their friends in attendance at the banquet last Sunday night. In all, there were 45 young people, not counting adult sponsors and advisors.

Lt. Ainslie, from the Juvenile Division of the Fort Wayne Police Department, spoke and commented on a display made from dangerous weapons and instruments taken from young people who had run afoul of the law. One of the most interesting parts of his talk was in relating the story of one of the young people who started out on the wrong path and later became a respectable citizen. It was good to know that the law has that kind of influence.

Next Sunday, the closing Sunday of Youth Week, our young people will be taking part in both worship services. Young people are more than the Church of Tomorrow. They are part of the Church of Today. As they identify themselves with the Church of today, let's give them our support and encouragement as we attend the services they lead.

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

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## OLD FASHIONED CHILI SUPPER

Sponsored by the Christian Youth Fellowship - on Friday night, February 11; Serving time 5:00 to 7:30 PM. All the Chili you can eat: Adults $1.00; Children UNDER 12, 50¢. Crackers, Relish, Milk, Coffee and Cake servied with the meal.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1966

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Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants
and children through 5 years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM -
Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 PM
High School Choir - Thursday 6:30
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5:30 PM

CYF Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
Chi Rho Sundays at 5:30 PM
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 AM
BEGINNERS WORSHIP -Sundays 10:30

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CYF and CHI RHO Sponsors will meet in Church Parlor, next Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock (February 6)

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od has His small interpreters; the child must teach the man. --Whittier

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that seeks to touch the hearts of God's people in a deeper commitment to Him. No gimmicks are involved, no collections taken, no pledges asked for, but a serious challenge to help the church and the individual Christian to be fully Christian. Let's have a whole host go to Indianapolis Saturday! (Ah, come now - what if it were a basketball tournament, a football game, etc., could you make it then? - if so, why not then for the Kingdom of God?)

Sunday's Sermon:
"THE WORLD AND OUR YOUTH"

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January 30, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 364 |
| Church School Attendance | 252 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1075.44 |
| Church School Offering | 69.98 |
| Building Fund | 5.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 15.10 |
| | $ 1170.52 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
TO THE
BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 49,072.91

U.C.F.A. GOAL $ 46,373.17

PLEASE CHECK! Your book shelves and tables for a red Revised Standard Version of the Bible with Ben Taylor's name on the fly-leaf. Mr. Taylor left his Bible lying on the top of a coat rack in Fellowship Hall a few Sundays ago - If you have taken it thinking it was your own, please return it to Mr. Taylor or leave it in the Church office. Thank you




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

olume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** February 10, 1966 No. 19


## THE FUTURE IS IN SAFE HANDS

ter a marvelous morning worship experience such as we shared yesterday, I am nvinced the future of the church and of the world is in "safe hands". I know it is e because ultimately "the battle is the Lord's" and He will give the victory. I ow it is true because so many of the youth in the Church are deeply concerned d actually glad to be involved at many levels of Christian activities. In a recent vey of more than 2,000 churches, one of the main reasons given by the YOUTH emselves for their lack of concern for the cause of Christ is parental indifference d "adult hypocrisy". The youth of our homes have eyes to see, ears to hear, and nds which are able to perceive the difference between what we tell them to do, d what they know we are content to do on their behalf. When the adults of our nd present better models of Christian thought and action to their sons and daugh-s, the Church will have more youth concerned and committed to the causes of rist.

sus Christ is Lord of ALL, or He is not Lord AT all. We saw a wonderful choir in e early service and four splendid youth helping to lead in the prayers, scripture, d litany; in the second service we had four share in the scripture and prayers, and any, and had eight serving as Junior deacons! Thank God for these splendid young ople and may their tribe increase! Having nearly 40 young people involved in e morning's worship experiences is a thrill indeed. We are encouraging a wider rticipation in all our services - help them won't you, both by word and by ex-mple!

nday's Sermon: "WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE LOW"

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK!

Mrs. M. W. Driver is very ill. She is presently in Florida. Our prayers will be appreciated.

It is with sorrow that we report that Mrs. Dempsey Weaver passed away last Monday afternoon. Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family in this time of deep sadness.

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Mildred Hartman, 301 E. Fleming Monday, February 14 at 8 P.M. Program by Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Worship by Mrs. Paul Kenline

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GENERAL CWF - Monthly Meeting On February 15 at 8:00 P.M. in the Church Parlor. Following the short business session, the Montgomery Group will present the program: "Together, That The World May Believe". Worship by members of the Dye Group; Hostesses, The McGavran Group; Higdon Group members will serve the refreshments. All women of the church are invited to attend.

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## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Re-organized. Will have their regular monthly meeting Saturday morning, February 12th from 7:00 to 8:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall of the Church. Mr. Morris Klopfenstein, Secretary of Brotherhood Mutual Fire Insurance Co will be the guest speaker. Every man in the church and guests are welcome.

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## OLD FASHIONED CHILI SUPPER

Youth sponsored. Friday night, Feb. 11; serving time 5 to 7:30 PM. Adults $1.00 - Children under 12, 50¢

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving February 13, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Ralph Church
Robert Chevalier

10:30 A.M. Service -

Ronald McVay
Floyd Morrical

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John Black
Merle Rice, Captain

10:30 A.M. Service -

Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Melvin Foster
James Cain
Hugh Bassett
Hendricks Love
Lawrence Horn

ALTERNATES:

Donald Smith
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
Cecil Beck
Ben Taylor
J. W. Lehman
John Peterson

DEACONESSES: February 13, 20, 27

Mrs. Herman Weber
Mrs. Rufus Quinn

COFFEE HOUR - February

Progressive Class

JUNIOR DEACONS:

Steven Duncan - - Chip Allen
Mike Kreischer -- Kirk Butler
Glenn Smith -- Greg Allen
Tom Rayl -- Loren Hanks

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

February 6, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 6 | .37 |
| Nursery | 20 | 3.39 |
| Kindergarten | 19 | 2.67 |
| Primary | 45 | 5.13 |
| Juniors | 42 | 7.00 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 8 | .65 |
| 8th Grade | 13 | 1.55 |
| 9th Grade | 15 | 1.45 |
| High School Class | 35 | 4.30 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 32 | 19.00 |
| Berean Class | 18 | 7.00 |
| Come Double Class | 32 | 12.00 |
| Progressive Class | 28 | 15.85 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 4.05 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 4.50 |
| Totals | 344 | $ 89.91 |

## CHI RHO TOBOGGAN PARTY

Next Sunday morning, February 13, the Chi Rho's will leave the Church at 10:30 A.M. PROMPT, and will go to Pokagon Park for a Tobogganing Party. We will hold our morning Worship at the Park. Each one is to bring his own lunch and spending money. We shall be back at the Church by 7:30 P.M. when the parents are asked to pick up the young people.

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## CHOIR CHORDS

In the weeks from now until Easter we shall be needing all our choir members in regular attendance on Sunday mornings and also at Thursday night rehearsals. It requires just a few hours each week for us to serve our Lord through music.

We will look for you on this Thursday at 7:30 P.M. And afterwards we are to have our Coffee Hour at the home Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Jackson. Do come!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Christian Youth Fellowship did a wonderful job with their parts in the two Worship Services last Sunday morning. Perhaps we will be having some young person give the message at both services in future years as we observe Youth Week.

Did you know that our young people are constantly taking part in the life and work of the Church? Have you ever expressed your thanks to them for leading the service of worship at the early hour even during the cold winter months?

Our young people have assisted in the nursery, they have ushered and served as Junior Deacons. Some of our young people have taught classes in the Church School. Young people are not going to the dogs! They are trying to make their life and witness count for Jesus Christ.

We will be looking for other ways in which young people may focus themselves on the work of the Kingdom of God. We hope that they will be increasing their areas of responsibility. They are the Church of Today, but the leaders of the Church of Tomorrow!

Come to the chili supper the CYF is having this Friday night, February 11, from 5:00 to 7:30 P.M. Price: Adults $1.00 and 50¢ for children under 12. Besides good food, you will enjoy the fellowship. Bring the whole family and support your young people.

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

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Where do we go from here? Let's go to Church!

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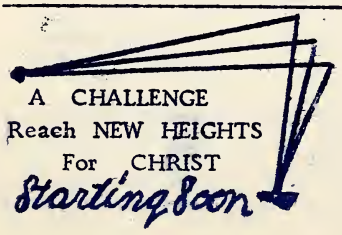
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20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all services - Infants and children through 5 years)
SITATION EVANGELISM -
Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM
HOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 PM
High School Choir - Thursday 6:30
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5:30 PM
YF - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
HI RHO - Sundays at 5:30 PM
NIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 AM
GINNERS WORSHIP - Sundays 10:30
Y SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.




February 6, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 417 |
| Church School Attendance | 344 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1722.13 |
| Church School Offering | 89.91 |
| Building Fund | 17.20 |
| UCFA | 14.10 |
| Week of Compassion | 5.00 |
| | $ 1848.34 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION
TO THE
BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 49,072.91

U.C.F.A. GOAL $ 46,373.17

## IN APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bundy wish to take this means to thank everyone who called or sent them get well wishes, and who remembered them with prayers and other kindnesses, during their hospitalization.

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The family of Mr. Harry Hiler wishes to thank every one for their kindnesses to Mr. Hiler during his illness and for their expressions of sympathy at the time of his death.

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Mrs. Edna Mapel wishes to thank the ministers and the ladies of the Church for their visits and good wishes while she was in the hospital.

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The perpetuity of this nation depends upon the religious education of the young. --George Washington



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV Fort Wayne, Indiana, February 17, 1966 No. 20

REACH NEW HEIGHTS FOR CHRIST!!



Calling YOU

TO REACH NEW HEIGHTS

For Christ

NEXT SUNDAY YOUR CHURCH
STARTS A NEW CHALLENGING
ATTENDANCE PROGRAM ....

- WILL YOU JOIN YOUR
- FELLOW MEMBERS TO
- SET NEW RECORDS FOR CHRIST

Sunday's Sermon; "FACE TOWARDS THE DAWN"

SOMETHING NEW!

An EXPLORER POST has been organized among our youth. The Explorer Post is , in a way of speaking, an extension of the Boy Scout movement, except a young man need not to have been a Scout in order to belong to this group. The Explorer Post is geared to Youth 14 to 18 years of age, but all the 14 year olds must be in the 9th grade. Our I. R. is Mr. Fred Smell, Mr. Carl Smith is the Advisor; and his associates are: Cliff Travis, and Garland Morrolf. The Post Committee consists of: Ralph Church, Hugh Rice, John Barbre, Merle Rice, William Franklin, Jack Weicker, W. J. Williams Harold Crowder, William Love, James Naile, Max Smith, Orville Moody, Mark Snyder and Joe Wittmer. The POST will meet once each month on the first Tuesday in the Chi Rho Class Room.

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WEEK OF COMPASSION

February 21 -- 27

"GIVE US THIS DAY"

Our offering will help feed the needy as hunger looms.

"SOMETHING TO EAT" ....

Our offering will help find homes for the homeless ...

"A PLACE TO LIVE" .....

.....

OPERATION PARTNERSHIP

You will be interested to know that Brother George was instrumental in developing this program on a State-wide basis. The theme: "The Whole Mission of the whole Church for the Whole World." Mr. William Ganter, former member of First Christian, is the General State Chairman for this venture of faith.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving February 20, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

S. E. Merriman

Harold Crowder

10:30 A.M. Service -

Rolland Ripple

William Franklin

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Cecil Beck

Ben Taylor

J. W. Lehman

John Peterson

10:30 A.M. Service -

Melvin Foster

F. Wayne Rousseau

Carl Linn

Garland Morrolf

Delmas Young

Charles Ludwig

John Black

Merle Rice, Captain

ALTERNATES:

Dempsey Weaver

Walter Keebortz

Homer Stevenson

Melvin Foster

James Cain

Hugh Bassett

Hendricks Love

Lawrence Horn

DEACONESSES: February 20, 27.

Mrs. Herman Weber

Mrs. Rufus Quinn

Coffee Hour - February

Progressive Class

JUNIOR DEACONS:

Steven Duncan - Chip Allen

Mike Kreischer - Kirk Butler

Glenn Smith - Greg Allen

Tom Rayl - Loren Hanks

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

February 13, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 8 | .35 |
| Nursery | 18 | 3.33 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 1.52 |
| Primary | 38 | 4.84 |
| Juniors | 44 | 8.30 |
| Junior High: | | |
| 7th Grade | 9 | 1.00 |
| 8th Grade | 14 | 2.80 |
| 9th Grade | 11 | .95 |
| Young Adults | 6 | 2.55 |
| Young Marrieds | 13 | -- |
| '58 Class | 22 | 13.50 |
| Berean Class | 10 | 3.00 |
| Come Double Class | 28 | 12.01 |
| Progressive Class | 31 | 17.50 |
| Friendly Class | 22 | 4.26 |
| Men's Class | 10 | 5.25 |
| Totals | 340 | $ 86.70 |

ATTENTION - ALL YOUNG WOMEN of First Christian interested in becoming better acquainted with each other are invited to a Coffee Hour to be held at the home of Mrs. Don Morgan, 215 E. Rexford, on Tuesday, February 22, at 8 P.M. It would be greatly appreciated if those wishing to come would call either Mrs. Joe Wittmer, 742-3861; Mrs. Gerry Bailey, 745-3688; or, Mrs. James Ruble, 747-3563, by Sunday February 20.

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AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK!

Mr. Paul Wilcoxson has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Elna Taylor underwent surgery in Parkview on last Monday. She is in room 321.

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Mrs. Earl Plummer, who has been ill at home for some time is still unable to be out to services.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

YOU WILL WANT TO BE ON HAND to greet all those fellow Christians from District One as they gather together from the various churches in Northeastern Indiana to hear about "OPERATION PARTNERSHIP".

They will begin arriving at 2:00 PM, and you will want to be present to make them welcome in our Church. Let's be good hosts and give a good representation of our Church at this important meeting!

THIS IS A MEETING THAT INCLUDES all age groups within the life of the Church. It is not just a meeting for leaders and older people. It is for youth of Junior High, High School and College. It is for young people starting out in the serious business of life. It is for those who are facing the "middle years", wherever they are. If, if, if, if you ARE INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHURCH, and you ought to be if you are a Christian, you will make it your business to be here next Sunday afternoon.

ALL ACROSS THE STATE OF INDIANA, people are meeting in District Rallies to hear about "OPERATION PARTNERSHIP." With your help, we can make the Fort Wayne Rally the greatest one in the whole state. Your presence is essential for our inspiration.

John W. Williams,
Associate Minister

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Mrs. Olive Roy is slowly improving from her illness. She is presently at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Birkhold.

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9:20 to 10:20 A.M. -Church School

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JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 A.M.

BEGINNERS - Worship-Sunday 10:30 AM

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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PASTOR'S TRAINING CLASS - Each Saturday morning beginning March 6 and continuing through Saturday April 2. This Class is for Youth 9 years thru 12 and older interested in learning what it means to become a Christian.

**February 13, 1966**

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 500 |
| Church School Attendance | 340 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1496.90 |
| Church School Offering | 86.70 |
| Building Fund | 33.10 |
| UCFA | 45.00 |
| | $ 1661.70 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATION TO THE BUILDING FUND IS THE BALANCE NOW DUE $49,072.9

U.C.F.A. GOAL $46,373.1

## ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE

Sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship ... Bring clean, good used blankets or new blankets to the church any time before February 28. Cartons will be placed in the entrances for your convenience. Money can be donated for the purchase of new blankets. Leave donations at the church office or give to Mrs. Quinn, CWF Service Chr

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## OPERATION PARTNERSHIP

District Rally for Operation Partnership will be held in First Christian Church Fort Wayne, on next Sunday at 2:30 P.M. until 5:00 PM. Area, District and State leaders will present an informative program. WE URGE EACH OFFICER, CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER LEADER, AND MEMBER TO arrange to be present for this most inportant meeting. Mr. Richard Vanderwall is Area Layman Chairman. Let us support him with our attendance at this meeting next Sunday afternoon at our own Church. You owe it to yourself and to your Church to be present.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** February 24, 1966 No. 21

REACH NEW HEIGHTS FOR CHRIST!

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LAST SUNDAY
YOUR CHURCH
STARTED A GREAT
ATTENDANCE EMPHASIS



REACH NEW HEIGHTS FOR CHRIST

The Response Was Thrilling. Let's Keep It Up.

Sunday's Sermon: "WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?"

## HRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

e McGAVRAN Group will meet at
rch on Tuesday. March 1, at 1:30
M. Mrs. Kenneth Edwards and Mrs.
gh Rice, hostesses. Program by Mrs.
D. Dilts; Worship by Mrs. Lillian
ott.

e KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs.
nley Cole, 7430 U.S. 24, West, on
esday, March 1, at 9:00 A.M.
gram by Mrs. John Hoop; Worship
s. Robert Chevalier.

e SPICE Group will meet with Mrs.
cil Rice, 3402 River Forest, Wed-
day, March 2, at 9:00 A.M.
gram by Mrs. Melvin Foster, Wor-
p by Mrs. Henry Schryver.

e DYE Group will meet with Mrs.
lter Birkhold, 221 W. Maple Grove
Wednesday, March 2, at 1:30 P.M.
gram by Mrs. Earl Fusselman; Wor-
p by Mrs. Jefferson Young.

e HIGDON Group will meet with
s. Arthur Mowery, 6926 Premiere
, on Thursday, March 3, at 7:45 P.
Program by Mrs. Harley Meadows;
rship by Mrs. Ralph Church.

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### IN APPRECIATION

id and Valjane Langohr wish to
nk everyone who called and sent get
l wishes to them while Mr. Langohr
in the hospital.

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m the Family of Martha Weaver:
ur kindness and sympathy are more
ply appreciated than any word of
nks can ever express."

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### IN SYMPATHY

heartfelt sympathy goes to Mrs.
iel Wilson and the sons of Mrs. Rilla
logg, in the tragic loss of daughter
mother.. May God and our prayers
ain these folk in their time of deep
ness.

### AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving February 27, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Kenneth Edwards
Cecil Rice

10:30 A.M. Service
C. Bueford Tharp
Richard Vanderwall

DEACONS:

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E. M. O'Laughlin
Ralph Weesner
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Mrs. David St. John was a patient in Lutheran Hospital last week.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

February 20, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| G Toddlers | 8 | .67 |
| y | 20 | 2.10 |
| garten | 25 | 2.85 |
| y | 57 | 5.07 |
| | 49 | 7.99 |
| High: | | |
| Grade | 14 | 2.60 |
| Grade | 13 | 2.61 |
| Grade | 15 | 1.65 |
| chool Class | 40 | 3.85 |
| Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| Marrieds | 9 | 0000 |
| ass | 27 | 15.00 |
| Class | 11 | 2.74 |
| Double Class | 39 | 11.50 |
| ssive Class | 36 | 22.75 |
| ly Class | 16 | 3.10 |
| Class | 10 | 5.05 |
| Totals | 392 | $ 90.53 |

## H NEW HEIGHTS FOR CHRIST!
## ATTENDANCE GOALS

| | |
|---|---|
| y | 20 |
| rgarten | 20 |
| ade | 15 |
| rade | 18 |
| rade | 18 |
| rade | 24 |
| rade | 20 |
| rade | 12 |
| rade | 12 |
| rade | 16 |
| rade | 16 |
| School | 47-1/2 |
| g Adults | 8 |
| g Marrieds | 26 |
| lass | 58 |
| e Double | 58 |
| n | 25 |
| essive | 55 |
| dly | 24 |
| s | 12 |

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

We never outgrow our need to attend Church School. The message of the Son of God must be applied to each day! The Son of God has something to say about the world of our times to both the older Christians and the young alike. Some have said, "Church School is for the children and worship is for grown-ups. If this be so, if our adults are so Christ-centered in their thinking, deeds and attitudes, our children should have some wonderful patterns to copy. But if we have not yet reached Christian maturity, the need still exists for us to grow into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Christian Education is a lifetime process of spiritual growth for you and your family. It means a lifetime of getting to know the matchless Son of God. It means practicing Christian principles It means worshipping intelligently. It means deepened Christian experiences and insights into God's Kingdom. It means enlarged horizons of thinking as the world about us in brought into focus with God's purposes and will.

John W. Williams, Associate Minister.

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. . . . THEY DID IT . . . THEY DID IT! CONGRATULATIONS TO 1st, 2nd, and 7th Grades and Kindergarten. These four classes went over the top of their goals for the "REACH NEW HEIGHTS FOR CHRIST" Campaign. Three other classes missed by one or two; keep trying - you have five Sundays. How wonderful it will be to have 500 souls gather in Fellowship Hall for the Victory Rally March 27th.

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Come to Sunday School -
Observe the Lord's Day!

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BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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## WEEK OF COMPASSION

February 20 ... 27

Theme: "GIVE US THIS DAY"

Bring your offering next Sunday.

**February 20, 1966**

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 486 |
| Church School Attendance | 392 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1144.93 |
| Church School Offering | 90.53 |
| Building Fund | 101.00 |
| Week of Compassion | 10.50 |
| UCFA | 36.50 |
| | $ 1380.87 |

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Be sure to bring your blankets by next Sunday... they should be in good condition, clean used or new blankets. A box is at the Southwest entrance for receiving your offering. Money can be donated which will be used for the purchase of new blankets, and for postage. Leave the donation of money at the church office or give it to Mrs. Quinn.

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PASTOR'S TRAINING CLASS - Each Saturday morning at promptly 10:00 A.M., beginning Saturday, March 6 and ending April 2. This Class is for Youth 9 years through 12, and older, to instruct them in what it means to become a Christian.

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## NOON DAY LENTEN SERVICES ---

each Wednesday at 12 Noon until 12:30 These will be held in our Chapel with a guest minister each week, until Easter.




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## SERMON SERIES UNTIL EASTER

March 6: "The Curse of The Coins" (Jn. 13:18-25) Lk. 22:1-6 )
13" "The Crow of the Coward" (Lk. 22: 58-75)
20: "The Crises of the Crossroads" (Lk. 23: 1-25 )
27: "The Creed of the Criminal" (Lk. 23:39-43)
April 3: "The Communion of the Cup" (Lk. 22:39-43) (Palm Sunday)
10: "The Conquest of The Tomb" (Mt. 28: 1-10 )(Easter)

We are called of God in the Holy Spirit to a total new life. It is to a newness of which Horatius Bonar has written: "Not to some new steps in life, some new habits or ways or motives or prospects, but to a new life! It is not merely the old life retouched and made more comely; defects struct out, roughness smoothed down, graces stuck on here and there. It is not a broken column repaired, a soiled picture cleaned, a defaced inscription filled up, an unswept temple whitewashed. It is more than all this: else God would not call it a NEW CREATION, nor would the Lord Jesus Christ have affirmed with such awful explicitness, as He does, in His conference with Nicodemus, the Divine Law of exclusion from and entrance into the Kingdom of God. (John 3:3 ) Yet how few in our day believe that "That which is born of the flesh, is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3: 6)

We pray each one of you will make every effort to study the passages mentioned above, pray about them, examine your own lives, study the offer Christ makes to us all, for it is true as the poet Keats has written: "Nothing ever becomes real until it is experienced."

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

[illegible] Group Meeting

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Kenneth Hunt, 2824 Genessee on Tuesday, March 8, at 8:00 P.M. Program leader, Mrs. Richard Mills, Worship by , Mrs Paul Yentes.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Elliott Bragg, 4017 Arlington Av. Wednesday, March 9 at 7:45 P.M. Program leader, Mrs. Jack Sauerwein, Worship, Mrs. Garland Morrow.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Vern Sullivan, 121 E. Branning, Monday evening, March 14, at 8 P.M. Program leader, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Worship, Mrs Owen Vaught.

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## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CMF will meet for breakfast on Saturday March 12 at 7:00 A.M. at the Church.

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mr. Wilbur Hilfiker was a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Room 331

Mrs. Cliff Travis is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Room 322

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## CHOIR CHORDS

EASTER is fast approaching and we have many empty seats in the Choir. Does one belong to you . . Or You? There are to be many important events in the coming weeks: Such as, the Choir getting its picture taken, a Recording made, and our Easter music to be perfected. Won't you be in your Chair, and share?

GREEN STAMPS - The books are steadily mounting in number. We now have 120 books toward our goal for Hand Bells. If you have a book to contribute or loose stamps see Mrs. Schryver.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

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ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
George Bruckman
J. Fred Smell

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Robert Urich
Ward W. Bundy
Andrew C. Cook

DEACONESSES: March 6, 13, 20
Mrs. Wm. Conrad
Mrs. Robert Rayl

Coffee Hour - March
Berean Class

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Mrs. Elizabeth Decker wishes to tha all who sent cards, made calls, an for others courtesies shown her duri her recently illness.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

February 27, 1966

| | Goal | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | -- | 5 | .50 |
| Nursery 2-4 | 20 | 25 | 1.97 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 28 | 3.56 |
| First Grade | 15 | 9 | 1.60 |
| Second " | 18 | 15 | 1.15 |
| Third " | 18 | 11 | 1.90 |
| Fourth " | 19 | 20 | 2.60 |
| Fifth " | 20 | 17 | 2.60 |
| Sixth " | 12 | 12 | 2.00 |
| Seventh " | 12 | 13 | 1.87 |
| Eighth " | 16 | 13 | 2.70 |
| Ninth " | 16 | 14 | 1.75 |
| High School | 47 | 35 | -- |
| Young Marrieds | 26 | 7 | 4.75 |
| Young Adults | 8 | 4 | 2.69 |
| '58 Class | 58 | 22 | 8.00 |
| Berean | 25 | 20 | 9.55 |
| Come Double | 58 | 36 | 16.00 |
| Progressive | 55 | 41 | 18.25 |
| Friendly | 24 | 18 | 3.30 |
| Men | 12 | 9 | 5.25 |
| | | 375 | $ 92.59 |

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Junior Church - Next Sunday's theme, "Choosing Our Friends" and the title of the sermon is: "From Pete to Peter" All youth of Junior age please read the following scripture lesson this week: Matthew 4: 18-20.

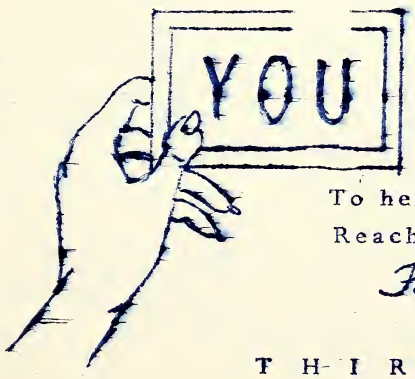
We would like each person to bring an empty tin can with the label left on it next Sunday morning and we shall participate in a Grocery Store.

## OUR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

We are in the process of organizing our Vacation Church School Staff and are soliciting for teachers and leaders. Any person who enjoys working with children and would like to participate in the Vacation Church School this June, please call Mrs. James Naile, 747-3789, as soon as possible, We will be setting up a teacher training period in the very near future. For other information do call Mrs. Naile.

Reach New Heights For Christ

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To help your Church
Reach New Heights
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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. -Church School

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"REACH NEW HEIGHTS FOR CHRIST"

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JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 A.M.
BEGINNERS Worship -Sundays 10:30 AM
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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NOTE - Mr. Herman Sigrist has a birthday on March 31st. He will be 84 years young. CONGRATULATIONS, Mr. Sigrist

| February 27, 1966 | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 443 |
| Church School Attendance | 375 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1369.09 |
| Church School Offering | 92.59 |
| Building Fund | 2.00 |
| Week of Compassion | 315.10 |
| UCFA | 19.80 |
| | $ 1798.58 |

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U.C.F.A. $ 45,623.17

PASTOR'S TRAINING CLASS - Will begin this Saturday morning, March 5, promptly at 10:00 A.M. There will be five sessions, ending April 2. This Class is for Youth 9 years through 12, and older. We will instruct them in what it means to become a Christian.

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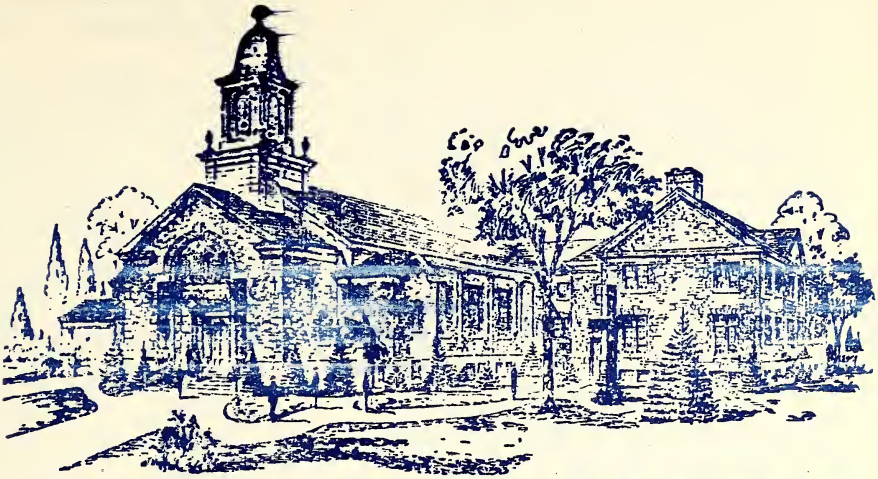
NOON DAY LENTEN SERVICES - Each Wednesday at 12 Noon until 12:30 P.M. These will be held in our Chapel with a guest minister each week. Rev. LaVerne Sandy will bring the meditation this Wednesday. Rev. Harper Will on Wednesday, March 9th.

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PASTOR'S CABINET - will meet at the Church on Monday evening, March 7 at 7:30 P.M.

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THE OFFICIAL BOARD has been postponed until Tuesday evening, March 15 at 8:00 P.M. We meet in Fellowship Hall, at the Church.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** March 10, 1966 No. 23


## "WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?"

Hendrik Kraemer, Dutch Theologian, has convincingly shown that the renewal of the Church must involve the "laity" who "form the daily repeated projection of the Church into the world," and who engage the world in real, uninterrupted dialogue.

He continues, "As long as the laity remains generally so biblically and theologically illiterate, new life cannot come to the Church. The Church will stay imprisoned in its self-centeredness unless the laity can come to see they are called in mission to serve the world."

This is what our liturgical brethren in Christ call, "Lent". Lent is meant to be a time of spiritual renewal, a time when one opens his being to the inflooding tide of God's Holy Spirit. Have you ever really prayed that God's Spirit and power would fill your life? Have you ever earnestly prayed that just for once God might become the only dominant passion of your life? If not, Why not? And why not now?

God is not real to most people (They wouldn't know Him if they met Him) for the simple reason they have never really tried to make His acquaintance! How can we ignore His divine Word, neglect our prayer life, and never tune our lives to His divine harmony, and still believe we are aware of God? If we spent as little time with our loved ones as we spend in prayer and Bible study, we would remain but nodding acquaintances to our own families. Even so with God- His friendship

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## FROM PASTOR TO PARENTS!

Do you want to do yourself and your teenager a real favor? Then see that he or she goes to see "THE RESTLESS ONES" when it premieres at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, March 16-20.

This film is tremendous!
"The Restless Ones" is an inside-story of the bright, turbulent world of today's teenagers. It penetrates their thoughts and actions, their expressions of pent-up frustrations, their searching for approval, discipline and guidance .. their yearning for love and understanding .. their attempts to find security and to express maturity.. their longings for something real and meaningful.

This is a quality film - rare in its honesty - and faces squarely the temptations that young people confront everyday and dares to provide a thrilling answer!

Showings are at 6:00 and 8:30 each evening; and at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday.

The admission fee is $1.00. The film would also interest all adults.

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The General monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15, at 12:30 P.M. Luncheon will be served by the Dye and Nelson Groups, ($1.00), During the business a slate of officers for 1966-67 will be presented by the Nominating committee. The Spice Group is in charge of the program: "Partners in Faith and Action" The members of the Executive will serve as hostesses.

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Fellowship Guild will meet Monday evening, March 14, at 8:00 P.M. with Miss Verna Sullivan. 121 E. Branning.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving March 13, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Myron Cole
John Barbre

10:30 A.M. Service -
Dr. H.Lee Butler
William R. Love

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Romane Cole
Edwin Allen
James P. Heavin
Rufus Quinn

10:30 A.M. Service -
Leland Higgins
Paul Kenline
James Kirsch
H. G. Helmuth
Virgil Montgomery
Dr. James Ruble
Herman Weber
Robert Schubel

ALTERNATES:
Carl Smith
Merland Heller
Charles Speicher
Vernon Moore
Thomas Thornbury
John C. Varner
George Davis
Edward M. Smith

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Breakfast will be this Saturday, March 12, at 7:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. Mr. Robert E. Lee, 2nd. Vice-Pres. Lincoln Nat"l Life Ins. Co. will be the speaker. Mr. Lee was privileged to attend the President's Prayer Breakfast, and he will tell about some of the things that went on and what significance it might have for Christians.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

March 6, 1966

| | Goals | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | -- | 7 | .50 |
| Nursery 2-4 | 20 | 16 | 2.16 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 26 | 2.63 |
| First Grade | 15 | 9 | 3.06 |
| Second Grade | 18 | 16 | 1.10 |
| Third " | 18 | 10 | 1.25 |
| Fourth " | 19 | 22 | 2.68 |
| Fifth " | 20 | 15 | 2.66 |
| Sixth " | 12 | 10 | 2.66 |
| Seventh " | 12 | 12 | 1.50 |
| Eighth " | 16 | 15 | 2.55 |
| Ninth " | 16 | 18 | 2.30 |
| High School | 47 | 36 | 7.75 |
| Young Marrieds | 26 | 14 | 5.81 |
| Young Adults | 8 | 7 | 2.90 |
| '58 Class | 58 | 21 | 11.68 |
| Berean | 25 | 20 | 5.00 |
| Come Double | 58 | 33 | 14.02 |
| Progressive | 55 | 33 | 19.00 |
| Friendly | 24 | 15 | 2.61 |
| Men | 12 | 7 | 3.50 |
| | | 362 | 97.31 |

WEEK OF COMPASSION

The opportunity to give to this very needy cause is still open to those who have not participated to date. We are about $150.00 below our goal for this Hour of Sharing.

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IN APPRECIATION: Mr. August W. Mueller, our custodian, has presented the Church with a new traveling Communion Kit. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Mueller for this worthy gift.

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CHI RHO - We are holding a "Quiz" next Sunday evening at the Chi Rho hour. There will be a surprise box for the winning team. Due to this type of program, we suggest you do not bring your band instruments this Sunday Eve.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Junior Church will meet at the 10:30 A. M. Hour next Sunday in the Church Parlor. The theme for the session will be, "BEING A TRUE FRIEND." Each person is asked to read this week the passage of Scripture recorded in Mark 1: 19, 20. The sermon will be entitled, "The Chain of Love."

*** Each girl is asked to bring a spool of thread that will be returned, and each boy is to bring a length of cord or twine. We would like to have as many different strengths of twine or cord as we can get.

John W. Williams,
Associate Minister

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AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Dale Parkerson underwent surgery Monday of this week at Parkview. It was reported. she is doing nicely.

Mr. Albert Egly has been ill at home for the past two weeks.

John C. Gerrard is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Rm. 566

Mrs. Donald Hogan is a patient in room 631, Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Paul Wilcoxson is still a patient in room 240, Lutheran Hospital.

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A lovely little note has come from Mrs. Elna Taylor, thanking all who sent cards of cheer, visited her, and remembered her in their prayers, during her illness. She expressed her gratitude with sincere thanks.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and Children through 5 Years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM -
Wednesday and Thursday - 7:00 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 P.M.
High School Choir - Thursday 6:30
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

CYF - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
CHI RHO - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 A.M.
BEGINNERS Worship - Sundays, 10:30 AM
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR will present a concert of Sacred music on Sunday March 27 at 7:30 P.M. Let us have a capacity group out . Come, and bring friends.

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can be known only in a venture of fellowship in His Word and by His Spirit! Begin this moment - lift your hearts to God in silent longing for a filling of His Spirit; pray for His presence; commit yourself to His tasks; offer your life and resources to Him - and see if God doesn't become progressively more real to you with each passing day. Surely, it is life's most noble venture!

Sunday's Sermon:

"THE CROW OF THE COWARD"
Luke 22:58-75

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March 6, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 387 |
| Church School Attendance | 362 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1635.64 |
| Church School Offering | 97.31 |
| Building Fund | 21.35 |
| Week of Compassion | 13.00 |
| UCFA | 8.80 |
| | $ 1776.10 |

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NOONDAY LENTEN SERVICES - Each Wednesday at 12 M. until 12:30 P.M. Noonday Lenten services are being held in First Christian Chapel. Rev. Marvin Deerhake will bring the message March 16.

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"REACH NEW HEIGHTS FOR CHRIST"




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## "YOU BELONG TO GOD"

The other day in one of the city's mortuaries I was ministering to one of our church families and learned that at that very moment one of America's heroes was being buried. He was the young lad who gave his life to save others and in the process had his legs blown off. Among those his sacrifice saved were men of all creeds, and perhaps some who had none, and men of varying colors, but in war it doesn't matter. Someday in peace we will learn to build a "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56: 7, 8). This lad deserved our respect and honor for his sacrifice of life on behalf of friend and country. Those who spread their venom of bitterness and hatred against those who differ with them, whether that difference be one of theology, or faith, or social status, or of race, dishonor the nations dead.

During World War II, a chaplain crawled to a dying boy to give aid and comfort. The lad looked up at the chaplain and said, "I'm sorry Chaplain, I do not belong to your church." the chaplain quietly answered, "No, my boy, but you belong to my God." At a service held in the catholic church recently to pray for a sense of unity in our quest for the will of God, and to lift up our men who are serving in Viet Nam, the Catholic priest said, "Tonight our boys are dying in Viet Nam with out someone asking them if they are catholics, protestants, or Jews. They give their lives as Americans who approach God in their own historic ways. Surely,those of us who are here at home can meet and pray for them, each in his own way." Here was what Isaiah had prophesied:"A house of prayer for all peoples."

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NOTES!

The C.W.F. announce that the vanilla is here and any one who would like some and have not previously ordered may call Mrs. Robert Clipp 447-8444.

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ATTENTION - New -comers: All young women of First Christian Church interested in becoming better acquainted with each other are invited to a Coffee Hour to be held at the home of Mrs. John Barbre, 207 So. Seminole Tuesday, March 22 at 8 P.M. It will be greatly appreciated if those who plan to come will call Mrs. Wittmer, 742-3861; Mrs. Gerry Bailey, 745-3688 or Mrs. Ruble, 747-3563, by March 20.

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JUNIOR CHOIR

There will be no Junior Choir practice on Sunday March 20. The HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR will present their sacred concert in the Northwood Christian Church at Indianapolis, the evening of March 20.

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The High School Choir will sing for First Christian, Fort Wayne, on March 27.

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Mrs. Muriel Wilson wishes to take this means to thank her friends for all the lovely flowers, and wishes of sympathy and for the many calls and cards sent to her during her recent sorrow. Also, she wishes to thank those who called and sent messages of cheer to her two grandsons, while they were in the hospital.

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COATS! COATS!

There are several coats which have been left at the church over the past two years and have not been claimed- If you are missing a coat please see us.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving March 20, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

George Bruckman

Hugh D. Rice

10:30 A.M. Service -

Ralph Church

William Franklin

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Thomas Thornbury

John C. Varner

George R. Davis

Edward M. Smith

10:30 A.M. Service -

Carl Smith

Merland Heller

Charles Speicher

Vernon Moore

Romane Cole

Edwin Allen

James Heavin

Rufus Quinn

ALTERNATES

Leland Higgins

Virgil Montgomery

Paul Kenline

Dr. James Ruble

James Kirsch

Herman Weber

Herdis Helmuth

Robert Schubel

DEACONESSES: March 20

Mrs. Wm. Conrad

Mrs. Robert Rayl

COFFEE HOUR - March

Berean Class

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The CYF'ers will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter.

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Be in Church School, Sunday 9:20

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

March 13, 1966

| | Goals | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | -- | 11 | 1.03 |
| Nursery 2-4 | 20 | 23 | 2.36 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 25 | 2.28 |
| First Grade | 15 | 15 | 1.40 |
| Second Grade | 18 | 17 | 1.50 |
| Third Grade | 18 | 15 | 2.18 |
| Fourth Grade | 19 | 20 | 2.39 |
| Fifth Grade | 20 | 15 | 2.39 |
| Sixth Grade | 12 | 12 | 2.39 |
| Seventh " | 12 | 14 | 2.05 |
| Eighth Grade | 16 | 19 | 3.30 |
| Ninth Grade | 16 | 16 | 1.35 |
| High School | 47 | 38 | 4.60 |
| Young Marrieds | 26 | 5 | 3.00 |
| Young Adults | 8 | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 58 | 30 | 18.47 |
| Berean | 25 | 21 | 9.50 |
| Come Double | 58 | 34 | 19.32 |
| Progressive | 55 | 33 | 21.75 |
| Friendly | 24 | 20 | 5.55 |
| Men | 12 | 7 | 3.75 |
| | | 391 | $108.56 |

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Little Miss Suzette Eifrid was a patient at Parkview last week.

Mrs. Melvin McNamee was in Room 460, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. F.J. (Virginia) Worrell is a patient at Lutheran, Room 418

Dr. A. C. Worley has been ill at his home.

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## STORK NEWS

Robert Allan was born March 14, 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Morton. Both mother and babe are doing fine. Mrs. Morton was our Suzette Hunt. Congratulations and best wishes!

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Next Sunday in Junior Church, we will use as our theme, "OUR FRIENDS AT HOME." All children are asked to read Matthew 9:9 and Mark 2:13, 14, in preparation for this coming Sunday's session in Junior Church.

It would be a wise thing for all Junior age children to read as much as they can find on the Seminole Indians. Under the theme, "OUR FRIENDS AT HOME." we will be discussing these interesting people during the sermon part of Junior Church.

All children are asked to see if they can find out what the word "Seminole" means. Do you adults know? See you all in Junior Church Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

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## CHI RHO NEWS

The Choir wishes to thank the members of Chi Rho for their contribution of $30.00 toward the purchase of our hand bells. It was greatly appreciated.

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The Chi Rhos are asked to be at the Scottich Rite Auditorium next Sunday evening at 5:30 so that they can sit together as a body while viewing the movie, "The Restless Ones". Following the showing we will be transported to the Church where parents can pick up their children. The youth are asked to get their tickets from Cindy Yentes next Sunday morning.

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The Chi Rhos will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter.

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BEGINNERS Worship - Sundays 10:30 AM
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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REMEMBER - THE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC to be given on Sunday, March 27 at 7:30 P.M. Come, and bring your friends! Let's lend a hand to these fine young people .

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Sunday's sermon will deal with the choice the world still is called to make Jesus Barabbas or Jesus the Christ! One is the popular militarist, the insurrectionist, the advocate of force and bitterness and hatred, the other the Son of God who seeks men in love to do the Father's will!

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Sunday's Sermon:
"THE CRISIS OF THE CROSSROAD."
Scripture: Luke 23: 1-25

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March 13, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 476 |
| Church School Attendance | 391 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1879.68 |
| Church School Offering | 108.56 |
| Building Fund | 1.00 |
| Week of Compassion | 12.00 |
| Easter | 7.50 |
| | $ 2008.74 |

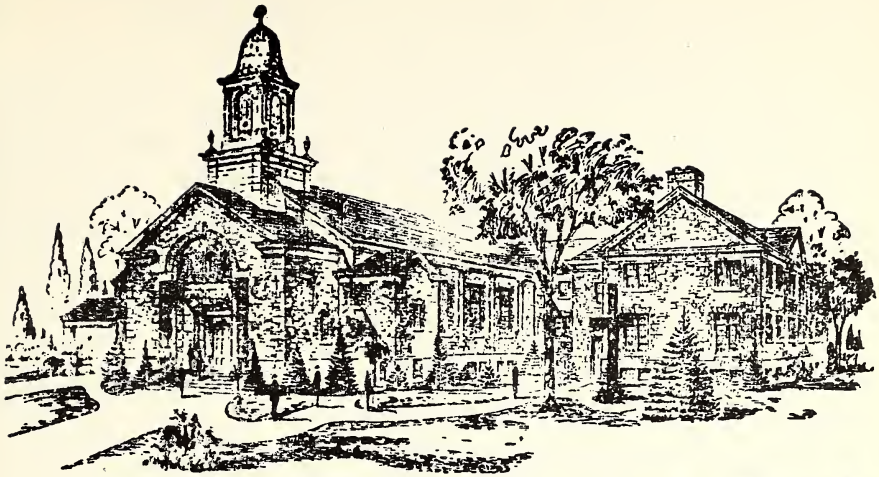
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"REACH NEW HEIGHTS FOR CHRIST"




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Volume XXIV Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 24, 1966 No. 25


## CHANNELS OF SPIRITUAL POWER

Have you turned over your personality to God to be flushed and flooded by His marvelous Power? Will you? Now?

"Only a smile, yes, only a smile,
That a woman o'erburdened with grief
Expected from you; 'twould have given relief,
For her heart ached sore the while.
But, weary and cheerless, she went away,
Because, as it happened that very day,
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a word, yes, only a word,
That the Spirit's small voice whispered, 'Speak';
But the worker passed onward, unblessed and weak
Whom you were meant to have stirred
To courage, devotion and love anew,
Because, when the message came to you,
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a note, yes, only a note,
To a friend in a distant land;
The spirit said, 'write' but then you had planned
Some different work, and you thought
It mattered little. You did not know

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'Twould have saved a soul from sin and woe -
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a son, yes, only a son,
That the Spirit said, 'Sing to-night;
Thy voice is thy Master's by purchased right.'
But you thought, "Mid this motley throng,
I care not to sing of the City of God';
And the heart that your words might have reached are cold -
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a day, yes, only a day,
But oh! can you guess, my friend,
Where the influence reaches and where it will end
Of the hours that you frittered away?
The Master's command is, 'Abide in Me';
And fruitless and vain will your service be
If out of touch with your Lord".

The worship experience with the communion and fellowship at the Lord's Ta are designed to keep your heart in touch with your Lord. May the Lord bless your quest for the abundant life in your Lord.

Sunday's Sermon: "THE CREED OF THE CRIMINAL" (Luke 23:39-43)

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving March 27, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Fred Smell
Rolland Ripple
10:30 A.M. Service -
Kenneth Edwards
S. E. Merriman

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
James Cain
Hugh Bassett
Hendricks Love
Lawrence Horn
10:30 A.M. Service -
Cecil Beck
Ben Taylor
James W. Lehman
John M. Peterson
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Melvin Foster

ALTERNATES

Donald Smith
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John E. Black
Merle Rice

DEACONESSES: March 27, April 3 &
Mrs. Robert Ogles
Mrs. John Barbre

COFFEE HOUR - March
Berean Class

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'58 CLASS

The '58 Class will have a pot-luck s per , and a White Elephant Sale, on day evening, March 26, at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall, of the church.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

March 20, 1966

| | Goals | Att | Off. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | -- | 13 | .65 |
| Nursery 2-4 | 20 | 22 | 2.28 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 25 | 4.34 |
| First Grade | 15 | 12 | .73 |
| Second Grade | 18 | 20 | .73 |
| Third Grade | 18 | 14 | .74 |
| Fourth Grade | 19 | 20 | 2.75 |
| Fifth Grade | 20 | 18 | 2.75 |
| Sixth Grade | 12 | 14 | 2.75 |
| Seventh " | 12 | 11 | 1.20 |
| Eighth Grade | 16 | 16 | 3.80 |
| Ninth Grade | 16 | 14 | 1.45 |
| High School | 47 | 37 | 7.00 |
| Young Marrieds | 26 | 11 | 6.00 |
| Young Adults | 8 | .1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 58 | 30 | 16.25 |
| Berean | 25 | 18 | 7.50 |
| Come Double | 58 | 31 | 11.25 |
| Progressive | 55 | 29 | 16.50 |
| Friendly | 24 | 20 | 4.55 |
| Men | 12 | 8 | 4.75 |
| | | 384 | $98.41 |

## NOTES

Mrs. F.J. (Virginia) Worrell underwent surgery on Tuesday of this week at Lutheran Hospital.

A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. Larry Barnes) March 17, 1966

IN SYMPATHY - Mrs. James Nelson, mother of Mrs. Cecil Beck died last week at her home in Indianapolis.

Our High School Choir will present their concert at West Creighton Church on Wednesday, March 30. 7:30 P.M. Word comes that they did a beautiful job of singing at Northwood Christian Church in Indianapolis, last Sunday eve. They will sing for us next Sunday evening March 27, at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Support our young people by being here and bring friends.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

Next Sunday in Junior Church, we will use as our theme, "OUR FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD". All children are asked to read Matthew 10:1-14 & memorize Mark 3:14. "And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach."

JESUS ORDAINS HIS DISCIPLES

We are asking our Junior age children to bring cookie cutters, different shapes if possible, next Sunday morning.

The Sermon - "The Et Cetera Bird"

See you all in Junior Church next Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

John W. Williams, Associate Minister

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## CHURCH LANDSCAPING

The landscaping scheme for the trees, shrubs, evergreens, etc., was in the Narthex last Sunday. Our Church will be beautified this Spring in accordance with this professionally prepared layout, for the total of $1,500.00. One third of this has already been realized from our Auction last year and the balance, we trust, will come from donations.

Please pick up a special "Landscape" envelope when you study the beautiful layout in the Narthex. We want to start planting in May.

You may place your "landscape" envelope in the collection plates or leave it with Mrs. Vaught at the church office.

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Chi Rhos and CYF'ers will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter.

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"REACH NEW HEIGHTS FOR CHRIST"

Be in Church School, Sunday 9:20

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CHURCH CALENDAR
SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)
VISITATION EVANGELISM -
Wednesday and Thursday - 7:00 P.M.
CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 P.M.
High School Choir - Thursday 6:30
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
CYF - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
CHI RHO - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 A.M.
BEGINNERS Worship - Sundays 10:30 A.M
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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March 20, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 466 |
| Church School Attendance | 384 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1325.62 |
| Church School Offering | 98.47 |
| Building Fund | 11.00 |
| Week of Compassion | 12.00 |
| Easter Offering | 6.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 6.00 |
| | $ 1459.09 |

YOUR CHURCH'S OBLIGATIC
TO THE
BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 48,097.83

U.C.F.A. $ 45,623.17

NOONDAY LENTEN SERVICE - Each Wednesday at 12 M until 12:30 P.M. in First Christian Chapel. If yo have not attended, you are missing a deeply spiritual experience. Rev. Phillip Philbrook, pastor of First Bapt Church will give the meditation on March 30.

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"Lord, Thou knowest that I am only human: Keep me from becoming tall ative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subjec Release me from the craving to strai ten out everybody's life. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point and then to be quiet. Seal my when I am inclined to tell of my ach and pains; they are increasing with th years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by. Make me thoughtful but not nosey - helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience, it does seem a pity not to use it all, but Thou kno




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## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

The Lenten Season has been high-lighted in First Christian Church by the fine Noon-day services held each Wednesday in the Church Chapel, with guest ministers bringing the message. Those attending have had a deep spiritual experience.

The approaching Easter Season should serve as a special opportunity for us to contemplate our responsibilities and obligations as followers of Christ who trod the road of sorrow, through clouds of suffering and emerged victorious, conqueror over sin and death. Let this be a season of self-discovery and self-mastery, bringing to our hearts an abundant spiritual blessing.

THERE IS A GREAT NEED for marshalling the spiritual resources of the Kingdom of God if we are to come to know His saving grace.

THERE IS A WONDROUS PRIVILEGE which belongs to us as a people called of God to bear witness by life and lip of His wondrous mercy and peace.

THERE IS AN OBLIGATION resting upon each one of us to enlarge the fellowship of the Church by our own active participation in It's life and witness, and by inviting others to share the blessings of Christian fellowship.

THERE IS A CHALLENGE TO work and pray and give so that a spiritual revival may come to us and to our world.

Therefore, in a spirit of consecration of both life and possessions to Christ, our risen Lord, let us pledge ourselves, to the extent of our ability, to a greater degree of Church loyalty, and to a more responsive spirit of cooperation in the Kingdom of God. You see, Calvary is an empty tragedy for any life unless the memory of it leads us to live day by day lives that are fit to be eternal1

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
### Monthly Group Meetings

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Arza Smith, 3113 Lillie St. on Tuesday, April 5, at 1:30 P.M. Program - Mrs. Kenneth Edwards; Worship - Mrs. William Caldwell.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Tharp, 3509 S. Harrison St. Tuesday, April 5, at 9 A.M. Program by Mrs. Herbert Banet; Worship, Mrs. A.N. Shockney.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Herman Weber, 8543 Fiesta Way on Wednesday, April 6 at 9 A.M. Program, Mrs. Cecil Rice; Worship, Mrs. Gene Klepfer.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Cecil Beck, 5872 Meadowbrook Dr., Wednesday, April 6, at 1:30 P.M. Program, Mrs. R.E. Firestone; Worship, Mrs. Leland Higgins.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Ralph Church, 5126 Werling Dr. Thursday, April 7, at 7:45 P.M. Program, Mrs. Helen Clymore; Worship, Mrs. Max Finkhousen.

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. H. Lee Butler was a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Gerald Elser, Jr. is a patient in Parkview Hospital Room 515.

Laurie Mollenhour was in West 4th Lutheran Hospital.

James Goins is in Lutheran, Room 470

David Moody is a patient in Lutheran Room 464.

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The difference between "duty" and "love" is that the first represents Sinai and the second represents Calvary.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
### Officers Serving April 3, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Albert Powell
E.W. Klepfer

10:30 A.M. Service -
David Hogg ...
Richard Vanderwall

DEACONS: Captain - Paul Truby

8:15 A.M. Service -
Donald C. Smith
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf

10:30 A.M. Service -
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John E. Black
Paul Truby
Cecil Beck
Ben Taylor
James Lehman
John M. Peterson

ALTERNATES -
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Melvin Foster
James Cain
Hugh Bassett
Hendricks Love
Lawrence Horn

DEACONESSES, April 3 and 7.
Mrs. Robert Ogles
Mrs. John Barbre

COFFEE HOUR - April
Come Double Class

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## GREEN STAMPS

Don't forget to bring your green stamps and help secure the set of Hand Bells for our young people. Give stamps to any Choir member or to Mrs. Henry Schryver.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
March 27, 1966

| | Goals | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | -- | 12 | .44 |
| Nursery 2-4 | 20 | 26 | 2.88 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 30 | 3.23 |
| First Grade | 15 | 13 | 1/30 |
| Second Grade | 18 | 19 | 1.67 |
| Third Grade | 18 | 14 | 1.90 |
| Fourth Grade | 19 | 27 | 2.45 |
| Fifth Grade | 20 | 20 | 2.79 |
| Sixth Grade | 12 | 12 | 2.00 |
| Seventh Grade | 12 | 10 | 1.70 |
| Eighth Grade | 16 | 18 | 3.84 |
| Ninth Grade | 16 | 17 | 2.90 |
| High School | 47 | 47 | 5.30 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 15 | 6.50 |
| Young Adults | 8 | 8 | 4.00 |
| '58 Class | 58 | 32 | 14.00 |
| Berean | 25 | 25 | 7.00 |
| Come Double | 58 | 39 | 15.40 |
| Progressive | 55 | 33 | 17.00 |
| Friendly | 24 | 17 | 2.90 |
| Men | 12 | 7 | 3.25 |
| | | 442 | 102.50 |

The PAIRS & SPARES Class invites all newly-married couples to their class next Sunday. They have elected Class Officers:

President - Merle Rice
Vice-Pres. - Bill Wilson
Sec'y - Mrs. Norman Strayer
Treas. - Ross Neirman

The Class would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. James Naile for inviting them in for a wonderful evening of fellowship last Saturday.

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## CHOIR CHORDS

There are TWO important reasons why all Choir members should be present at rehearsal this Thursday, March 30. Please be here!!

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Dear Christian Friends:

As of the 31st of March, I will no longer be connected as Associate Minister to First Christian Church. However my family and I will still reside at our present residence and will continue our memberships in this church.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for th thoughtfulness and cooperation and understanding that I have received from you during the past 5-1/2 years. My family and I will always cherish the warm sincere friends we have made among you and may the experiences that we have had together lead us to be more useful and effective servants in His Kingdom.

Sincerely,
John W. Williams. - 30

## CHURCH LANDSCAPING

About $800.00 more is needed to reach our needed goal of $1500 for our Spring planting. The special "Landscape " envelopes are available in the Church Narthex. Place your offering envelope in the collection plates or leave your landscape offering with Mrs. Vaught at the church office. The trees and shrubs must be planted in May for better growing.

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## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the CMF will be on Saturday, April 9 at 7 A.M. The breakfast will be followed by a program with Rev. Keith Hall, Disciples of Christ missionary to India, the speaker.

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CHOIR REHEARSALS -
Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:30 P.M.
High School Choir - Thursday 6:30
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

CYF - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.

CHI RHO - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 19:30 A.M.

BEGINNERS Worship - Sundays 10:30 AM

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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CYF and Chi Rho will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter.

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We are sure that our congregation joins us in wishing our young people a safe trip to Washington, D.C. loads of fun, good singing and a happy vacation week.

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REMEMBER - Our Wednesday Noonday Lenten Services in the Church Chapel.

March 27, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 494 |
| Church School Attendance | 442 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1453.10 |
| Church School Offering | 102.50 |
| Building Fund | 1.00 |
| Easter Offering | 10.65 |
| U.C.F.A | 9.10 |
| | $ 1576.35 |

YOUR CHURCH/S OBLIGATION
TO THE
BUILDING FUND
IS THE
BALANCE NOW DUE $ 48,097.83

U.C.F.A. $ 44,873.17

## E A S T E R
## CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS

| Cllass | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Men's Class | 10 | $25.00 |
| Friendly Class | 25 | 30.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 150.00 |
| Berean Class | 25 | 50.00 |
| Come-Double | 50 | 100.00 |
| High School Class | 35 | 20.00 |
| '58 Class | 35 | 50.00 |
| Young Adults | 10 | 10.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 15.00 |
| Junior High Dept. | 40 | 10.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 50 | 25.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 50 | 20.00 |
| Kindergarten | 40 | 10.00 |
| Nursery | 25 | 10.00 |
| Nanes & Toddlers | 20 | 2.00 |




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## "WHAT IS MAN THAT THOU ART MINDFUL OF HIM"

What a thrilling experience to worship in a packed Church and hear the thrilling performance of a great choir sing"The Crucifixion", by Stainer! We are grateful to the choir for their outstanding contribution to our spiritual growth.

Recently we have observed some "natural calamities" which have unleashed unimaginable forces and have had at least a purgative value in cutting man down to size. Man gets pretty smug with himself, and feels quite self-assured, what with his Telstars and astronauts and Venus shots and other spectacular displays of human intelligence. Man tends to forget that he is living on the edge of annihilation. Let the polar ice cap shift, for example, and we're goners. Or let a million-megaton hurricane sweep across our costal cities and man's hydrogen bombs look like firecrackers. The New York Herald Tribune, after the Iran earthquake, put it well: "Such manifestations of the awesome power of natural forces should be a reminder that man, all-conquering man, only exists on sufferance. He may think he is conquering space ... He may even brood about his ability to extinguish life on this earth by means of nuclear holocausts. Yet old earth has only to ripple, like a horse twitching off bothersome flies, and the strongest works of man tumble down upon him."

The entire 3rd chapter of II Peter deals with earth's coming destruction, but because of the assurance of the Lordship of Jesus and His promised salvation there is an air of utter assurance and calmness. Peter asks, "Since all these things are this to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness"... Our emphasis, as those who wait for His coming, should not be on "what the world

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Herman Weber, 8543 Fiesta Way on Wednesday, April 13 at 9 A.M. Program, Mrs. Rolland Ripple; Worship, Mrs. Eugene Klepfer.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Paul Kenline, 3131 Maple Lane Monday, April 11, at 8 P.M. Program, Miss Fay Woodhull; Worship, Mrs. Chas. Speicher.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. John Olson, 4725 South Wayne, Ave., Tuesday, April 12 at 8 P.M. Program, Mrs. Connie Knight, Worship, Mrs. Robert Rayl.

The NELSON Group will meet at the Church on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:45 P.M. Mrs. Garland Morrolf, hostess, Program, Mrs. Ray Mathis; Worship, Mrs. John Williams.

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The Christian Women's Fellowship will host the monthly Coffee Hour of The Fort Wayne Council of United Church Women on Wednesday, April 13 at 9:10 A.M. Special music by Mrs. Danny Wilkens, and Mrs. Elaine Wareham will speak on the subject, "Personal Involvement".

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday evening Candlelight Communion Service at 7:30 P.M.

Chain of Prayer begins at 9 P.M. Thurs. and continues until 8 A.M. Easter morning.

Three Hour Services will be held in our Sanctuary on Good Friday, 12 Noon to 3:00 P.M.

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving April 10, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Ralph Church
Robert Chevalier

10:30 A.M. Service -

C. Bueford Tharp
Dr. Lee Butler

DEACONS: Herbert Banet, Captain

8:15 A.M. Service -

A. Jefferson Young
Robert Urich
Ward W. Bundy
Andrew C. Cook

10:30 A.M. Service -

Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John L. Clark
Arthur Mowery
Frank M. Moody
Paul D. Truby
Le Roy Timbrook
Paul E. Yentes

ALTERNATES

Carl Smith
Merland Heller
Charles Speicher
Vernon Moore
Romane Cole
Edwin Allen
James P. Heavin
Rufus Quinn

DEACONESSES: April 10, 17, 24

Mrs. Harold Nordblom
Mrs. Earl Plummer

COFFEE HOUR - April

Come Double Class

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On the first Easter day life and death faced each other in mortal combat. And life won.

## LILIES! LILIES!

hose desiring to do so may help beau-
fy the Sanctuary for Easter Morning
y providing a Easter Lily for the
hancel. Of course you may take your
lant with you after the services. You
ay bring them on Saturday or have
em delivered at that time. Be sure
our name is on a card.

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## NEW MEMBERS!

everal youth came into the Church by
aking their Confession of Christ and
eing buried with Him in baptism on last
unday: They were - Thomas and
ebecca Banet, Teresa and Pamela
eadows, Bill, Kim and Douglas Eifrid,
ob Coleman, and Emily Jo Weicker.
hese young people attended the Pas-
or's Class. A very meaningful service
f Communion was held following the
aptismal service at 4 P.M. Sunday
fternoon.

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

aster Brian Ruble was been quite ill
nd was in Lutheran Hospital this last
eek.

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## DO YOU JUST BELONG?

re you an active member, the kind
hat would be missed? Or are you just
ontented that your name is on the list?
o you attend the meetings, and mingle
ith the flock, or do you stay at home
nd criticize and knock? There's quite
program scheduled that I'm sure you
ave heard about, and we will all ap-
reciate it if you'll come and help us
ut. So come to the meetings often,
nd help with hand and heart; don;t be
ust a member - dig in, do your part!
hink this over, brother - you know right
rom wrong. Are you an active member,
r do you just belong? -Copied.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

April 3, 1966

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 7 | .50 |
| Nursery | 24 | 3.54 |
| Kindergarten | 21 | 3.61 |
| First Grade | 13 | 1.76 |
| Second Grade | 17 | 1.80 |
| Third Grade | 12 | 1.45 |
| Fourth Grade | 16 | 2.84 |
| Fifth Grade | 12 | 2.84 |
| Sixth Grade | 12 | 2.84 |
| Seventh Grade | 7 | .50 |
| Eighth Grade | 16 | 2.75 |
| Ninth Grade | 14 | .50 |
| High School | 29 | 4.40 |
| Pairs & Spares | 11 | 6.50 |
| Young Adults | 12 | 1.55 |
| '58 Class | 27 | 13.75 |
| Berean | 14 | 8.15 |
| Come Double | 28 | 13.75 |
| Progressive | 39 | 29.00 |
| Friendly | 18 | 3.45 |
| Men | 8 | 4.25 |
| | 357 | $ 109.73 |

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## EASTER GOALS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Men's Class | 10 | $ 25.00 |
| Friendly Class | 25 | 30.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 150.00 |
| Berean Class | 25 | 50.00 |
| Come-Double | 50 | 100.00 |
| High School Class | 35 | 20.00 |
| '58 Class | 35 | 50.00 |
| Young Adults | 10 | 10.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 15.00 |
| Junior High Dept. | 40 | 10.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 50 | 25.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 50 | 20.00 |
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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Service - Infants and children through 5 years)
VISITATION EVANGELISM -
Wednesday and Thursday - 7:00 P.M.
CHOIR REHEARSALS -
Thursday 7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir
Thursday 6:15 - High School Choir
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

CYF. Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
CHI RHO - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 A.M.
BEGINNERS Worship - Sundays 10:30 A.M.
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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CHI RHO CAMP - April 17 is Registration Day . Those wishing to attend Camp at Barbee, please get your registrations in on the 17th. Mrs. Peggy Buskirk is sponsor.

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is coming to" but rather on "WHAT HA COME TO THE WORLD", even Jesus, God's promised Deliverer. Easter sings of victory! The victory of our Lord Jesu Christ over sin and over the tomb, and the promised victory of His followers over the darkness of sin and death. Let Easter victory be yours by opening your life to the Lordship of Jesus.

Sunday's Sermon:
"The Conquest of The Tomb"
Matthew 28: 1 -10.

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April 3, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 544 |
| Church School Attendance | 357 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1592.94 |
| Church School Offering | 109.73 |
| Building Fund | 56.00 |
| Easter Offering | 118.70 |
| Landscaping | 263.00 |
| U.C.F. | 3.10 |
| | $ 2143.43 |

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CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE -
$47,118.28
U.C.F.A. $44,873.17

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30 PIECES OF SILVER
Offering will be received on Easter.

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The COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN ACTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE will Sponsor a FOOD COLLECTION for the poor of Mississippi. Will YOU help? Bring only canned , dried and staple foods. A collection table will be on the west side of the Fellowship Hall. If further information is needed, please call Dr. Butler. The Church is asked to collect an average of 1/2 pound per memb




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## LET'S LIVE IN THE EASTER AFTERGLOW

The glory that we shared on Easter Sunday morning is ours to share throughout the coming years if we but let Him lead the way! Nearly 800 persons came to lift hearts and voices to God in prayer and praise for the glorious gospel of the Resurrection! The choirs and the solos were additional blessings on one of the grandest days in the life of our church! Thank God for Easter and its promise of Eternal life! Let us now give ourselves to the living of these days in the warm afterglow of the Easter faith!

The best selling book is still the Bible, but every child would know that it is still the really unknown Book among the masses! This is the year of the Bible! During the next weeks we shall be looking at the Bible and seeking to know it as we've not known it before, through study and prayer, special sermons and the giving out of special portions of it in pictorial form.

The American Bible Society prints the separate books of the New Testament in pictorial form, and includes the latest archeological data available in pictures of Corinth, Rome, Thessalonika, Jerusalem, Antioch, etc., illustrating the truths spoken of in the New Testament.

Beginning Sunday, May 1 and running through 11 Sundays a portion of the New Testament will be given out in the Worship Services; the schedule of Bible Books to be studied and given out will be:

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UNITY PRAYER SERVICE
Thursday evening, April 14-8P.M.

This will be a NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD among our Southwest Fort Wayne Area churches. Among the ministers taking part in this service are: Rev. LaVerne Sandy Rabbi Doppelt, Msgr Monaski; Rev. Harper Will, and others.

We urge our people of First Christian to be present at this most important prayer service on Thursday, April 14 at 8 o'clock, in our Sanctuary.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
GENERAL MEETING

The CWF general meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, April 19 at 8:00 P.M. in the Church Parlor. Worship and Program will be presented by members of the Fellowship Guild. The theme title: "Courage To Be Christian"/This is also the theme title for the Quadrennial to be held at Purdue on June 29-July 1.
Kepple Group will be hostesses; refreshments will be served by the McGavran Group; During the business there will be an Election of Officers.

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RUMMAGE SALE - April 29-30. Mrs. Wagner, chairman, suggests that you get your rummage to the church before the 28th, or bring it to the rummage room on Thursday, April 28. The sale will be held in the Liberty Press Bldg. 2033 S.Lafayette St.

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CWF Spring Leadership Training Institute will be held on Sunday afternoon and evening, May 1st. at North Christian Church. Camden at Essex. Our women should plan to attend this Institute, and especially all officers of groups and General CWF leaders.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
Officers Serving April 17, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Solon E. Merriman
Harold W. Crowder

10:30 A.M. Service -
Rolland Ripple
Floyd E. Morrical

DEACONS: Herbert Banet, Captain

8:15 A.M. Service -
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Kenneth Gould
Merle Rice

10:30 A.M. Service -
E.M. O'Laughlin
Ralph Weesner
Leon H.Johns
Herbert Banet
Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John Clark
Arthur Mowery

ALTERNATES:
Frank M. Moody
Paul Truby
LeRoy Timbrook
Paul E. Yentes
Jefferson Young
Robert Urich
W.W.Bundy
Andrew C. Cook

DEACONESSES: April 17, 24
Mrs. Harold Nordblom
Mrs. Earl Plummer

COFFEE HOUR - April
Come Double Class

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Rev. Bill L. Barnes, Director of Dept. Development at Christian Theological Seminary will be our guest speaker on Sunday morning, April 24.

## CANCER CONTROL SUNDAY

April 17, 1966

We are asked to observe this day in three ways:

All are asked to pray for the victims of this dread disease. May their suffering be shortened and their families be comforted ...

We are asked to pray for those engaged in Cancer Research. May God enlighten their minds to find an early cure for this disease. ....

We are reminded that Dressings, beds wheel chairs and other comfort items, are all available to any Cancer patient at no charge.

The Allen County Cancer Society is a United Community Service agency and does not solicit funds. Its services are available to any Cancer patient in the county.

The films "A Breath of Fresh Air", and "A Habit for Life" are presented by the Allen County Cancer Society, and are shown free at four theaters: The Holiday, Embassy, Clyde, and Arlington. These films are for women only. They will be shown at Holiday 9:30 A.M. Tuesday, April 19; Embassy 9:30 A.M. Wednesday, April 20; Clyde 9:30 A.M. Thursday, April 21; and at Arlington 1:30 P.M. Friday, April 22 .

A Doctor will be present to answer any questions.

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## A THANK YOU NOTE

Mrs. Lee Butler would like to take this means to thank all those who sent her good wishes, called on her, and for our prayers on her behalf during her recent illness.

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## RUMMAGE SALE

Sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship. April 29-30.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

April 10, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 13 | 2.11 |
| Nursery | 26 | 6.77 |
| Kindergarten | 25 | 5.90 |
| First Grade | 14 | 2.73 |
| Second Grade | 16 | 1.77 |
| Third Grade | 11 | 3.99 |
| Fourth Grade | 15 | 9.60 |
| Fifth Grade | 12 | 9.60 |
| Sixth Grade | 10 | 9.60 |
| Seventh Grade | 11 | 5.30 |
| Eighth Grade | 15 | 5.44 |
| Ninth Grade | 19 | 2.60 |
| High School | 35 | 8.86 |
| Pairs & Spares | 13 | 9.50 |
| Young Adults | 6 | 3.57 |
| '58 Class | 27 | 17.00 |
| Berean | 14 | 25.00 |
| Come Double | 31 | 23.90 |
| Progressive | 43 | 212.35 |
| Friendly | 17 | 30.00 |
| Men | 8 | 29.50 |
| Totals | 381 | 436.18 |

## OF INTEREST TO ALL

43 Positions in the Church School are filled by members of four adult classes.

'58 Class supplies 17 people who serve as teachers, staff member and teacher in training.

Progressive Class supplies 6 people who serve as teachers, substitute teacher and staff member.

Come Double Class supplies 14 people who serve as teachers.

Berean Class supplies 6 people who serve as teachers, substitute teacher and Church School Superintendent.

A tremendous group working as a skilled team to build and maintain our CHURCH SCHOOL.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)
VISITATION EVANGELISM -
Wednesday and Thursday - 7:00 P.M.
CHOIR REHEARSALS -
Thursday 7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir
Thursdays 6:15 - High School Choir
Junior Choir - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
CFY - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
CHI RHO - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 A.M.
BEGINNERS Worship - Sundays 10:30 AM
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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CHI RHO CAMP REGISTRATIONS - Must be in April 17. for those wishing to go to Barbee Camp this summer. Get your application blank from Mrs. Peggy Buskirk.

From Page -1-

May 1 - "Fishers of Men" (Matthew)
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July 3 - "Every Good Gift" (James & Jude)
July 10 - "Things To Come" (Revelations)

Sunday's Sermon :
"ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOSPEL"

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April 10, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 771 |
| Church School Attendance | 381 |
| Regular Church Offering | $1852.02 |
| Church School Offering | 436.18 |
| Easter Offering | 486.68 |
| Building Fund | 11.00 |
| Landscaping | 31.00 |
| | $ 2816.88 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE - $ 47,118.28
U.C.F.A. $ 44,873.17

A COLLECTION OF CANNED GOODS: The Committee on Christian Action & Community Service is sponsoring this food collection for the poor of Mississippi. Bring only canned, dried and staple foods. There is a table in Fellowship Hall where you can place your donation.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** April 21, 1966 No. 29


## "LIVING IN THE EASTER AFTER-GLOW"

Yesterday's services gave evidence that a great number of our people were indeed living in the After-glow of Easter's glory! We had two wonderful worship services and the music was, as usual superb. The attendance was high and the Spirit of God was in our midst. Two of the younger ladies present gave their lives to Christ and we welcome Linda Yentes and Stephanie Foster into the grandest fellowship on earth- the Body of Christ, the Church.

By the time you receive this week's Visitor, I shall be at our annual State Convention - the 127th! It is being held at Vincennes and will be days of challenge and fellowship within the larger fellowship of our churches from across Indiana. The convention runs from Thursday through Sunday. If you can why not make the trip even for one day of the convention.

Instead of staying in Vincennes Sunday I shall be preaching in Montgomery, Ala., and continuing through Friday evening and returning on Saturday. Pray for this preaching mission . It is the last absence scheduled this year.

Mr. Bill Barnes, director of development of Christian Theological Seminary will be our guest minister next Sunday, He has had an outstanding ministry in our Churches before coming to his present position at the Seminary.

SUNDAY'S SERMON: "TO DISTURB THE EXISTING ORDER OF THINGS"

SCRIPTURE - II Corinthians 4: 1-6

RUMMAGE SALE - April 29-30. Please take your rummage to the Liberty Press Bldg, 2033 S. Lafayette St. on Thursday evening, April 28, or bring it to the church before that date.

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There are POTS and PANS and APRONS which have been left in the church kitchen from time to time. Please pick yours up by the 28th of April; Those not taken will be sent with the rummage on the 29th.

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COATS -- There are two light colored rain coats, one short and the other long here in the church office. If you are missing a coat come in and look these over. One may be yours. If not claimed soon, these will be given to the Good Will.

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A THANK YOU NOTE: Mrs. A.N. Shockney, teacher of Friendly Class, takes this means to thank the church for the gift of a book. She received "The Gospel of Mark" by G.C. Campbell Morgan. This was a book of her choosing.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Leadership Training Institute will be held on Sunday afternoon and evening May 1st, at the North Christian Church at Camden and Essex. We especially urge our women to attend. This meeting is for all women; but all officers of groups and general CWF leaders should plan to attend.

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NEWS ITEM: The Church Secretary will be in Vincennes attending the State Convention from Thursday until Sunday of this week. Please hold your office telephone calls until Monday April 25, when the secretary will be at her desk.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving April 24, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Cecil Rice
Glenn R. Miller

10:30 A.M. Service -

Ronald McVay
Charles Fuchshuber

DEACONS: Captain - Rufus Quinn

8:15 A.M. Service -

Virgil Montgomery
James Ruble
Herman Weber
Robert Schubel

10:30 A.M. Service

Thomas Thornbury
John C. Varner
George R. Davis
Edward M. Smith
Leland Higgins
Paul Kenline
James Kirsch
Herdis Helmuth

ALTERNATES:

Carl Smith
Merland Heller
Charles Speicher
Vernon Moore
Romane Cole
Edwin Allen
James P. Heavin
Rufus Quinn

DEACONESSES: April 24

Mrs. Harold Nordblom
Mrs. Earl Plummer

COFFEE HOUR - April

Come Double Class

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IN SYMPATHY --- Mr. Charles Stevenson, brother of Homer Stevenson passed away last Wednesday. He had a serious accident at the plant where he was employed which caused his death. Burial was in Kokomo on Friday.

## ONE TO A FAMILY!!

On Sunday, May 1st, each family present at the Morning Worship Services, will receive a pictorial copy of the Book of St. Matthew, and each Sunday thereafter those present in the services will receive additional books of the Bible until at the end of the eleven weeks Bible Study Emphasis, each family should have a complete set of these attractive illustrated Bible books.

Also, on Sunday May 1st, a new copy of the New Testament, Phillips Translation, will be given to the person who brings with them the oldest printed Bible.

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## WORDS OF WISDOM

Some people say that religion and business won't mix. Well, they used to say that oil and water won't mix either, but in our manufacturing plants where we operate a lot of machine tools we use thousands of gallons of oil and water for cooling the tools as they run at high speed. It is a white mixture that looks like milk, but actually it is oil and water with a third ingredient added that causes the oil and water to mix. Religion and business will mix when the Lord Jesus Christ enters the Human Heart. --Copied

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HOW TO LIVE A HUNDRED YEARS HAPPILY - Do not be on the lookout for ill health. Keep usefully at work. Have a hobby. Learn to be satisfied. Keep on liking people. Meet adversity valiantly. Meet the little problems of life with decision. Above all, maintain a good sense of humor, best done by saying something pleasant every time you get a chance. Live and make the present hour pleasant and cheerful. Keep your mind out of the past, and keep it out of the future. --Copied.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

April 17, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 12 | .69 |
| Nursery | 23 | 2.21 |
| Kindergarten | 26 | 2.26 |
| First Grade | 19 | 3.36 |
| Second Grade | 19 | .75 |
| Third Grade | 13 | 1.75 |
| Fourth Grade | 21 | 3.00 |
| Fifth Grade | 16 | 3.00 |
| Sixth Grade | 9 | 3.00 |
| Seventh Grade | 9 | .71 |
| Eighth Grade | 9 | 1.85 |
| Ninth Grade | 14 | .82 |
| High School | 30 | 3.63 |
| Pairs & Spares | 8 | 5.00 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 2.00 |
| '58 Class | 27 | 23.75 |
| Berean | 15 | 8.00 |
| Come Double | 24 | 10.00 |
| Progressive | 40 | 19.97 |
| Friendly | 16 | 3.90 |
| Men | 9 | 4.55 |
| Totals | 360 | $ 95.20 |

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Clive Roy underwent surgery on Tuesday of this week. She is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Charles Eckert was in the hospital last week for tests.

Mrs. C.R.McMaken is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Leland Higgins has been having a rough time these last few weeks due to several cracked ribs.

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STORK NEWS - Mr. & Mrs. David Crebb are the parents of a new baby born this week-end. Mother and Babe were in St. Joseph's Hospital.

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IN SYMPATHY --- Mrs. Edwin Allen's brother died on Sunday, April 17.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)
VISITATION EVANGELISM -
Wednesday and Thursday - 7:00 P.M.
CHOIR REHEARSALS
Sanctuary Choir, Thursdays 7:30 P.M.
High School Choir, Thursdays 6:15 PM
Junior Choir, Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
CYF - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
CHI RHO - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 A.M.
BEGINNERS Worship - Sundays 10:30 AM
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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COLLECTION OF CANNED GOODS for the poor in Mississippi is continuing thru next Sunday. Bring only canned, dried and staple foods. There is a place in Fellowship Hall to receive your donation.

BIBLE BOOKS To Be Studied: .....

May 1 - "Fishers of Men" (Matthew)
May 8 - "Follow Me" (Mark)
May 15 - "Faith To Be Healed" (Luke)
May 22 - "Bread of Life" (John)
May 29 - "Into All The World" (Acts)
June 5 - "More Than Conquerors" (Romans)
June 12 - "Preach The Gospel" (Corinthians)
June 19 - "Into Spiritual Life" (Galatians & Thessalonians)
June 26 - "Reward of Faith" (Timothy & Hebrews)
July 3 - "Every Good Gift" (James & Jude)
July 10 - "Things To Come" (Revelations)

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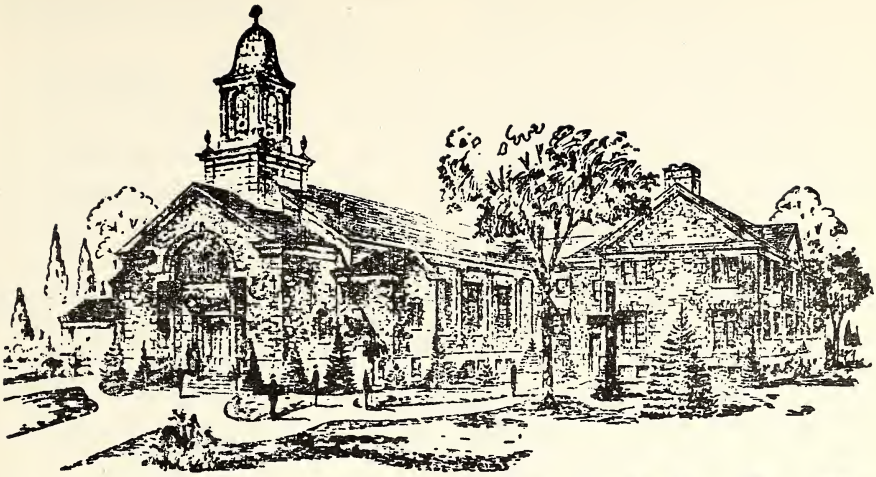
April 17, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 490 |
| Church School Attendance | 360 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1160.66 |
| Church School Offering | 95.20 |
| Easter Offering | 61.50 |
| U.C.F.A. | 6.00 |
| Landscaping | 91.00 |
| | $ 1414.36 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...

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|---|---|
| | $ 47,118.28 |
| U.C.F.A. | 44,873.17 |

LANDSCAPING ... We have just under $1,000 , including the $600 donation from the Come Double Class, on hand. We need $1500 to complete the project and we have two more weeks before planting time. Your offering to this project will be gratefully received. Make your check payable to the First Christian Church and designate it for "landscaping".




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** April 28, 1966 No. 30


## "ASSEMBLING THE NEW TESTAMENT"

Sunday, May 1, we shall begin ASSEMBLING THE NEW TESTAMENT! Through the American Bible Society we shall be giving a portion of the New Testament to every family attending the Worship Services during the next 11 weeks, so that the entire New Testament will be given in a beautiful and unique study form during this time. This volume of "miniature booklets" is something we believe you will treasure and use across the years to come.

Now ... dust off your old Bible! We shall give a new Bible to the person bringing the oldest printed Bible to Sunday's Service! We will give a New Testament, the J.B. Phillips Translation, to the one bringing the oldest Bible to the Worship Service on May 1. How old is yours? Your mother's Bible may be an old one, get it and bring her and her Bible along!

Sunday's portion of the New Testament to be given out is the gospel of Matthew.

The Sermon: "FISHERS OF MEN"

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Monthly Group Meetings

McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Neil Allen, 4631 Thornley Dr. Tuesday, May 3, at 1:30 P.M. Program - Mrs. Opal Perkins; Worship - Mrs. M. G. Heller.

KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. H. G. Helmuth, 1232 Fairfield Ave. Tuesday, May 3, at 9:00 A.M. Program - Mrs. George Duncan; Worship - Mrs. Herbert Banet.

SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. H. Weber, 8543 Fiesta Way, Wednesday, May 4, at 9:00 A.M. Program - Mrs. Hendricks Love; Worship - Mrs. Cecil Rice.

DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Leland Higgins, 5010 Woodhurst, Wednesday, May 4, at 1:30 P.M. Program - Mrs. Fred Hilker; Worship, Mrs. William Crouse.

HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Ben Taylor, 5215 Werling Dr. Thursday, May 5, at 7:45 P.M. Program- Mrs. Arthur Mowery; Worship - Mrs. Ethel Allen.

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CWF LEADERSHIP TRAINING next Sunday afternoon and evening from 2:30 to 8:30 , May 1, at North Christian Church. Camden and Essex Drs. We urge our women to attend. Bring a sack lunch with you, The host church will furnish drink and dessert. This is your opportunity to get acquainted and fellowship with women from District One.

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### THANK YOU NOTE

Mr. Gerald Elser, Jr. wishes to take this means to thank those who sent cards and called on him while he was ill in the hospital.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

### Officers Serving Sunday May 1.

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

David Hogg

Richard Vanderwall

10:30 A.M. Service -

Albert Powell

Eugene Klepfer

DEACONS: Captain - Rufus Quinn

8:15 A.M. Service

Carl Smith

Merland Heller

Charles Speicher

Vernon Moore

10:30 A.M. Service -

Romane Cole

Edwin Allen

James Heavin

Rufus Quinn

Thomas Thornbury

John Varner

George Davis

Edward M. Smith

ALTERNATES:

Leland Higgins

Paul Kenline

James Kirsch

Herdis Helmuth

Virgil Montgomery

Dr. James Ruble

Herman Weber

Andrew Cook

DEACONESSES: May 1, 8, 15

Mrs. Harold Crowder

Mrs. Edwin Allen

COFFEE HOUR - May

'58 Class

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### AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Gerald Elser, Sr. was in Parkview for a few days for dental surgery. He is now at home.

RUMMAGE SALE - April 29-30. Sponsored by the CWF. Please take your rummage to the Liberty Press Bldg. 2033 S. Lafayette St. on this Thursday evening. April 28. It will be appreciated if you can stay and assist in the sorting in preparation for the sale on Friday morning.

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POTS - PANS - APRONS ... have been left in the kitchen during the past months. If you have left any of these articles, please pick them up before Friday of this week. Those not taken will be sent to the rummage sale.

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OTHERS AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Joseph Eifrid has been a patient in Parkview for surgery. Room 234

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Mr. Herman Sigrist is a patient in the LaGrange, Indiana hospital. His condition is serious.

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IN SYMPATHY .... Word comes of the death of Mrs. Orris Ice, sister to Mrs. James Goins. Our sympathy goes out to this family.

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ATTENTION -- All members of First Christian Church -- OUR HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR wants to share with all the members of the Church their thrilling trip to Washington.

This Sunday, May 1, at 6:30 PM The Sanctuary Choir will Host a Church-wide Carry-in dinner. (They will provide coffee, milk and willing helpers). Those whose name falls in one of these alphabet brackets bring the item of food designated:

A thru F - vetetables
G thru P - A meat dish
Q thru Z - Dessert -

every one bring a salad. and your own TABLE SERVICE. (Continued) .....

(Continued from bottom of page )

Sunday evening May 1, at 7:15 - following the dinner, the High School Choir tells of their trip through movies, pictures, stories, souvenirs. If you can't make the dinner come for the program. Chi Rhos will attend this program.

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April 24, 1966

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| Third Grade | 14 | 2.70 |
| Fourth Grade | 16 | 2.79 |
| Fifth Grade | 16 | 2.79 |
| Sixth Grade | 8 | 2.79 |
| Seventh Grade | 7 | 1.00 |
| Eighth Grade | 13 | 3.50 |
| Ninth Grade | 13 | 1.15 |
| High School | 28 | 3.02 |
| Pairs & Spares | 10 | 3.84 |
| Young Adults | 3 | 1.35 |
| '58 Class | 26 | 15.05 |
| Berean | 13 | 7.21 |
| Come Double | 26 | 8.55 |
| Progressive | 31 | 20.75 |
| Friendly | 18 | 4.20 |
| Men | 8 | 4.25 |
| Totals | 322 | $ 95.41 |

LANDSCAPING ! There is still time to help with this project. $500 is needed to complete the total program. We will begin our planting of trees & shrubs in May. Designate your offering for "landscaping".

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HAPPINESS .. The only way on earth to multiply it is to divide it.

--Paul Scherer

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CHI RHO - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
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BEGINNERS WORSHIP - Sundays 10:30
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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LAST CALL ...FOR CANNED GOODS & STAPLES being collected for the poor in Mississippi. Bring only canned, dried, and staple foods. It is suggested that a family furnish a minimum of 1/2 pound of food for this collection.

## BIBLE EMPHASIS PROGRAM
## SERMON SUBJECTS

May 1 - "Fishers of Men" (Matthew)
May 8 - "Follow Me" (Mark)
May 15 "Faith To be Healed" (Luke)
May 22 "Bread of Life" (John)
May 29 "Into All The World" (Acts)
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## CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY
MAY 15 - 9:30 A.M.

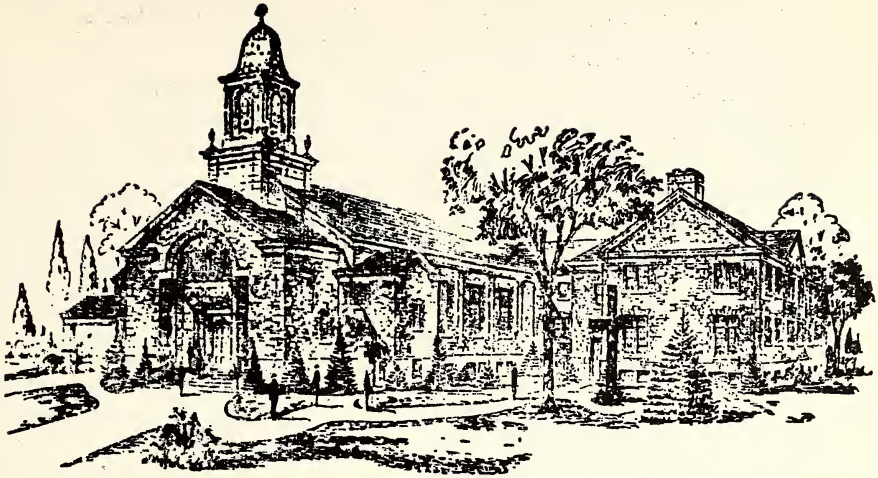
The Church School will assemble in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Sunday May 15 at 9:30 , when a film, "Formation of The Bible" will be shown. The Classes will meet in their rooms or departments just long enough to take their attendance and offering. There will be NO REGULAR CLASS STUDY PERIOD.

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REMINDER: FAMILY WORSHIP PACKET GROUPS LAST ORIENTATION MEETING IS IN THE SANCTUARY THIS SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30 A.M.

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CHI RHO'S and CYF'ers will not meet at their regular time this Sunday , but will instead meet at 6:30 for a carry-in dinner. After the dinner pictures will be shown of our High School Choir's recent trip to Washington, D.C.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV Fort Wayne, Indiana, May 5, 1966 No. 31


## ORCHIDS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

R. Myrl Beachley (Bob), brought a bible printed in 1794 to the worship service and therefore received a copy of Phillips' Translation of the New Testament. Our congratulations to Bob.

This Sunday we continue the "Formation of our Bible" program, and will be giving the gospel according to Mark, and the sermon will be, "FOLLOW ME". Mark is generally believed to have been the first record of the gospel to have been written. It is thought to have been written no later than 30 or 35 years after the death of Jesus. It is the earliest record in gospel form of the life of Christ. Let's read it together.

This Sunday is Mother's Day. The Church will be presenting a vanda orchid to every mother who attends. We shall once again be honoring the oldest mother present, the youngest, the most recent mother, the one with the oldest son or daughter present, the mother having come the greatest distance to be present; and these shall be given a large lovely orchid corsage! Let's all bring mother with us Sunday for a wonderful worship experience.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, 1301 Lynn Avenue, Monday, May 9, at 8:00 PM Program, Mrs. C. R. Kuhlman; Worship, Miss Ethel Shroyer.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Edwin Hall, 3406 MacArthur Dr. Tuesday, May 10 at 8 PM. Program, Mrs. Peggy Buskirk, Worship Mrs. Richard Mills.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Philip Uhl, 816 Kinnaird Ave., Program, Mrs. Harold Crowder; Worship, Mrs. Howard Overmyer.

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## PAIRS & SPARES CLASS

The class will have a party Saturday night, May 7 at 8:00 o'clock. It is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, 7001 Premiere Drive in Lakeshores. All young married couples of the church are invited to join the Class for their party.

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We are looking for a ride for a young couple and two children to Sunday School and Church. If you come down Fairfield through town, and could bring this couple and their children, please call Bill Wilson, 745-2902, who is trying to locate transportation,

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LANDSCAPING - Keep this project in mind. We are about $90.00 nearer our goal since Sunday. Planting will begin soon.

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Annual Meeting - United Church Women, May 11, 12, 13, at Plymouth Congregational Church. City.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday May 8

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
C. Bueford Tharp
Wm. E. Franklin

10:30 A.M. Service -
Ralph E. Church
Robert R. Chevalier

DEACONS: Captain, Merle D. Rice

8:15 A.M. Service -
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Melvin Foster

10:30 A.M. Service -
Donald C. Smith
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
James J. Cain
C. Hugh Bassett
Hendricks P. Love
Lawrence Horn

ALTERNATES:
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John E. Black
Merle Rice
Cecil Beck
Ben G. Taylor
James W. Lehman
John M. Peterson

DEACONESSES: May 8, 15
Mrs. Harold Crowder
Mrs. Edwin Allen

COFFEE HOUR - May '58 Class

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NOTE: You will be interested to learn that Mr. Herman Sigrist has gone home from the hospital. We are happy to report this fact. His address: R. R. 2 LaGrange, Indiana.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

May 1, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | .75 |
| Nursery | 21 | 3.16 |
| Kindergarten | 26 | 2.07 |
| First Grade | 15 | .95 |
| Second Grade | 17 | .70 |
| Third Grade | 13 | 1.40 |
| Fourth Grade | 15 | 3.19 |
| Fifth Grade | 17 | 3.19 |
| Sixth Grade | 11 | 3.19 |
| Seventh Grade | 8 | .60 |
| Eighth Grade | 13 | 2.65 |
| Ninth Grade | 11 | 1.35 |
| High School | 26 | 4.08 |
| Pairs & Spares | 12 | 3.15 |
| Young Adults | 5 | 1.90 |
| '58 Class | 27 | 12.00 |
| Berean | 16 | 7.00 |
| Come Double | 24 | 8.00 |
| Progressive | 44 | 3.25 |
| Friendly | 14 | 2.45 |
| Men | 8 | 3.75 |
| Totals | 343 | $ 88.78 |

ATTENTION - CHI RHOS !!!

The Chi Rhos will meet next Sunday evening at 5 o'clock. Each youth is asked to bring a sack lunch. Home-made ice cream will be served. We will have a recreation period out on the parking lot. See you then!

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For a Chi Rho program to be later on in the month, we shall need ten (10) large reflectors, such as those used for lighting up beautiful artificial Christmas trees. If you know of some family who has one or more of these reflector lights and who will be willing to loan them for one evening, please notify Mrs. Peggy Buskirk, Chi Rho sponsor. 446-6905

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## CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY

MAY 15 - 9:30 A.M.

The Church School will assemble in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Sunday May 15, at 9:30, when a film "Formation of The Bible", will be shown. The Classes will meet in their respective rooms or departments at 9:20 for just long enough to take their attendance and offerings. There will be NO REGULAR CLASS STUDY PERIOD.

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BIBLE EMPHASIS PROGRAM
SERMON SUBJECTS

May 8 - "Follow Me" (Mark)
May 15 "Faith To Be Healed" (Luke)
May 22 "Bread of Life" (John)
May 29 "Into All The World" (Acts)
June 5 "More Than Conquerors" (Romans)
June 12 "Preach The Gospel" (Corinthians)
June 19 "Into Spiritual Life" (Galatians & Thessalonians)
June 26 "Reward of Faith" (Timothy & Hebrews)
July 3 "Every Good Gift" (James & Jude)
July 10 "Things To Come" (Revelations)

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UNITED CHURCH WOMEN- MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON, May 6, Program - Mr. William Williams will speak on "PEOPLE, POVERTY, AND PLENTY - DISCOVERY, PLAN AND ACT", as it applies to Fort Wayne.

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The debt which we owe to living cannot be paid by wealth; Nor can it be paid by wishes, or through the loss of health, The debt which we owe to life can be paid by acts and deeds-Deeds of love and acts of mercy fulfill life's daily needs. --E.W.Hill

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM _
Wednesday and Thursday - 7:30 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSALS -
Sanctuary Choir, Thursdays 7:30 P.M.
High School Choir, Thursdays 6:15 PM
Junior Choir, Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

CYF - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
CHI RHO - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 A.M.
BEGINNERS Worship - Sundays 10:30 A,M
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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THANK YOU! Mrs. L. H. Higgins to take this means to thank those who sent get well wishes, for calls and prayers she received during her illness.

May 1, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 479 |
| Church School Attendance | 343 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1737.06 |
| Church School Offering | 88.78 |
| Building Fund | 6.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 6.00 |
| Landscaping | 81.00 |
| | $ 1918.84 |

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CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 46, 134.24
U.C.F.A. 44, 123.17

NOTE: On our recent trip West, it was our privilege to visit Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Joel Burgess, our former pastor, Green Valley Arizona; Mrs. Elsie Robinson and son, Mike, at Tucson, Arizona, and Mr. & Mrs. Ray Barnett, at Highgrove, Calif., Mr. & Mrs. Bret Young, Phoenix, Ariz. We found them all well and happily engaged in church work in their respective churches. All of them receive our Tidings, but wanted to know more about the church's activity and to be remembered to all their friends in the church. All these folk are former members of our Church

Walter and Ethel Birkhold.

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Fred Grier, is in Room 210, Moellering Unit, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. J. E. Weicker, is in Lutheran Hospital, Room 329

Mr. Alfred Schell is scheduled for surgery on Thursday of this week, at Lutheran Hospital.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** May 12, 1966 No. 32


## "FAITH TO BE HEALED"

Mother's Day! It was a wonderful day in the life of our church and once again nearly 500 of you came to praise the Lord and to seek His grace for daily living! The Lord bless you, every one!

Our program, "Assembling the New Testament", will be dealing in the Gospel of Luke this coming Sunday morning. Two outlines, one for Matthew and the other for Mark will be given out this coming Sunday. The Gospel portion to be given out will be that of Luke. In your preparations for worship read the 7th chapter of Luke.

Here's provocative word from the poetess, Ella Wheeler Wilcox:

"There are two kinds of people on earth today;
Just two kinds of people, no more, I say.

Not the sinner and saint, for it's well understood,
The good are half bad, and the bad half good.

Not the rich and the poor, for to rate a man's wealth,
You must first know the state of his conscience and health.

Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span,
Who puts on vain airs, is not counted a man.

Not the happy and sad, for the swift flying years
Bring each man his laughter, and each man his tears.

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No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean,
Are the people who lift, and the people who lean.

Wherever you go, you will find the earth' masses
Are always divided up in just these two classes.

And oddly enough, you will find too, I ween,
There's only one lifter to twenty who lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of overtaxed lifters, who toil down the road?

Or are you a leaner, who lets others share
Your portion of labor, and worry and care?

Sunday's Sermon: "FAITH TO BE HEALED"

EMERGENCY CALL!!

For teachers and sponsors for the CYF Youth Conference at Camp Barbee during the week of June 12-18. There is a great need here for at least six (6) men and/or women to volunteer to help . Your help is greatly needed and you would be doing a real service for the Youth of our area. If YOU think you can work this 'week of service' into your schedule and are at all interested , please call the church office for more information.

The study theme is: "The Fork In The Road" Teachers orientation will be at Barbee on Friday May 14 beginning at 6 P.M. thru Saturday the 15th, closing at 4 P.M.

May we remind you that several of our youth are planning to attend this CYF Conference during that week .

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY
MAY 15 -9:30 A.M.

This is just a final reminder for the Rally next Sunday . Classes are to assemble in Fellowship at 9:30, to see the film, "Formation of the Bible"

ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST

Christian Women's Fellowship - May 17 at 9:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. G. Warren Hastings, is nationally known as an able speaker . We are indeed fortunate to have this opportunity to get acquainted with this charming lady and to hear her speak. Higdon Group members are in charge o Worship; A special committee chaired by Mrs. W. J. Marks will prepare and serve the breakfast. And there will be special music. All the women of the Church and friends are invited to come If you plan to bring guests it might be well for you to call your Group leader or Mrs. Marks.

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NOTE: Will the new Group leaders get the list of their officers to Mrs. Vaught as soon as possible. Thank you!

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NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION -TEA - Next Sunday afternoon and 4 o'clock in Fellowship Hall. Those who have united with this Church family since January 1965 will be our guests and other members of the church are invited to come and fellowship with the

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

**Officers Serving Sunday May 15**

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Rolland Ripple

Floyd Morrical

10:30 A.M. Service -

S. E. Merriman

Harold W. Crowder

DEACONS:Captain, Merle Rice

8:15 A.M. Service -

Delmas Young

Charles Ludwig

John E. Black

Merle Rice

10:30 A.M. Service -

Dempsey Weaver

Walter Keebortz

Homer Stevenson

Melvin Foster

James Cain

Hugh Bassett

Hendricks Love

Lawrence Horn

ALTERNATES

Donald Smith

Wayne Rousseau

Carl Linn

Garland Morrolf

Cecil Beck

Ben Taylor

James Lehman

John Peterson

DEACONESSES: May 15

Mrs. Harold Crowder

Mrs. Edwin Allen

COFFEE HOUR - May

'58 Class

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## CHILDREN'S DAY 1966

**Class Goals will soon be posted! ALL SHOULD PARTICIPATE - Opportunity will be given to all members of the church and church school to share in the special offering.**

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

May 8, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 7 | .85 |
| Nursery | 17 | 2.95 |
| Kindergarten | 21 | 2.64 |
| First Grade | 14 | 3.70 |
| Second Grade | 16 | 1.40 |
| Third Grade | 10 | 1.40 |
| Fourth Grade | 16 | 2.74 |
| Fifth Grade | 14 | 2.74 |
| Sixth Grade | 8 | 2.74 |
| Seventh Grade | 9 | 1.70 |
| Eighth Grade | 12 | 2.80 |
| Ninth Grade | 12 | 1.00 |
| High School | 26 | 3.70 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 5.05 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 24 | 11.00 |
| Berean | 14 | 5.00 |
| Come Double | 25 | 12.00 |
| Progressive | 26 | 16.10 |
| Friendly | 17 | 2.70 |
| Men | 11 | 4.75 |
| Totals | 308 | $ 87.96 |

## BIBLE EMPHASIS PROGRAM

### SERMON SUBJECTS

| | |
|---|---|
| May 15 | "Faith To Be Healed" (Luke |
| May 22 | "Bread of Life" (John |
| May 29 | "Into All The World" (Acts |
| June 5 | "More Than Conquerors" (Romans) |
| June 12 | "Preach The Gospel" (Corinthians) |
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**The Bible has called into existence tens of thousands of other books.**

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM -
Wednesday and Thursday - 7:30 P.M.
Fourth Tuesday each month

CHOIR REHEARSALS _
Sanctuary Choir, Thursdays 7:30 P.M.
High School Choir, Thursdays 6:15 PM
Junior Choir, Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

CYF - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
CHI RHO - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 A.M.
BEGINNERS Worship - Sundays 10:30 AM
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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STORK NEWS -
Brenda Kay was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wellman on May 4, 1966. We want to congratulate Brenda's parents.

May 8, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 463 |
| Church School Attendance | 308 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1296.71 |
| Church School Offering | 87.96 |
| Building Fund | 19.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 21.00 |
| Landscaping | 42.00 |
| | $ 1466.67 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$46,134.24
U.C.F.A. 44,123.17

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CMF Breakfast will be held next Saturday morning, May 14, at 7 o'clo in Fellowship Hall. Prof. James G. Clague, head of Department of Systen atic Theology at CTS. will be the speaker. His topic will be along the lines of subject matter that "God is Living" we cordially invite all our men to come and bring friends.

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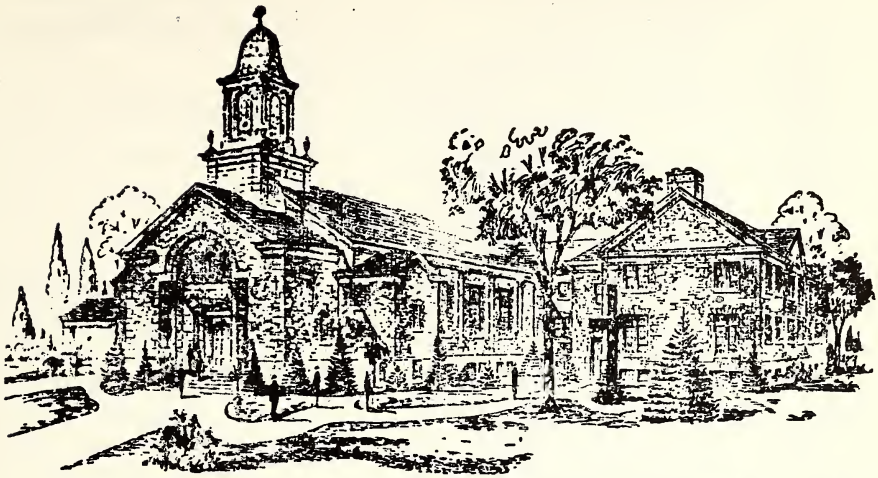
## NOTES

The GERMAN BAND MUSIC which wa loaned out to youth: Some of this mus has not been returned. Please make a point to return the music if you still have it, to Merle Rice. Thank you!

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FOR THE NURSERY - The Nursery is in need of a large chest of drawers for storage. Do YOU have such a ches in good condition which you would ca to give to the church to be used for th purpose, If so, please call Mrs. Jame Naile, 747-3789.

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana.** May 19, 1966 No. 33


## WHY NOT TRY PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY?

Amid the turmoil of our times people try anything and everything to gain a little peace of mind. May I suggest trying a little practical Christian faith!

A famous nerve specialist has written: "I have dealt a lifetime with frayed and tattered nerves, and Christianity is just plain common sense."

Leslie B. Salter wrote:"Every normal man or woman longs more keenly for love, for warm friendship, admiration and human responsiveness from his fellows than for anything else in life ... do you want to love life .. than start giving those about you the feeling they long for! Start passing out good cheer and brotherly love and you will receive in return a personal friendliness and genuine happiness you never dreamed possible and it will revolutionize your whole life. (Jesus put it this way: "Do unto others what you would like done unto you!)"

Ah, don't wait for some miracle to be performed on you from without, lifting you above your fears and doubts and self-centeredness, YOU help God from within by turning in outgoing love to others and miraculously your fears and doubts and self-centeredness will vanish!

The miracle of God starts from within, not from without! Throw yourself on the side of outgoing love and all the healing forces of the universe will be behind you.. but neither God or man will be able to help if you remain bottled up within yourself.

A psychiatrist has written: "We may discover that loving our enemies because we

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BIBLE EMPAHSIS PROGRAM
SERMON SUBJECTS

May 22 "Bread of Life" (John
May 29 "Into All The World" (Acts
June 5 ?More Than Conquerors" (Romans)
June 12 "Preach The Gospel" (Corinthians)
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GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE ...

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.
You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.
You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatreds.
You cannot establish security on borrowed money.
You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.
You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.
--Abraham Lincoln

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FRIEND

Let not the world soliloquize
On my bad trait or better deed
I fain would ask that Truth surmise
the Valor of my daily creed.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday May 22

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Ronald McVay
Charles Fuchshuber

10:30 A.M. Service -
Cecil Rice
Glen Miller

DEACONS: Captain: Herbert C. Banet

8:15 A.M. Service -
Frank M. Moody
Paul D. Truby
LeRoy Timbrook
Paul E. Yentes

10:30 A.M. Service -
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Kenneth A. Gould
A. Jefferson Young
Robert Urich
Ward Bundy
Andrew C. Cook

ALTERNATES:
E.M. O'Laughlin
Ralph Weesner
Leon Johns
Herbert Banet
Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John Clark
Arthur Mowery

DEACONESSES: May 22, 29. June 5.
Mrs. Hugh Rice
Mrs. James Naile

COFFEE HOUR - May
'58 Class

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Blest be hands that break the bread
With the stranger just outside
(Perchance 'tis He, with toussled head
The One once crucified.)
Well-shod the feet that bear no trace
Of having trod where thistles fend.
O sightless one, but touch my face
For hereupon Christ's written: Friend.

## CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES
### CHILDREN'S DAY _ GOALS–1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Men's Class | 25.00 |
| Friendly Class | 40.00 |
| Progressive Class | 100.00 |
| Come Double Class | 50.00 |
| '58 Class | 50.00 |
| Berean Class | 25.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 10.00 |
| Young Adults | 5.00 |
| High School Class | 15.00 |
| Ninth Grade | 5.00 |
| Eighth Grade | 5.00 |
| Seventh Grade | 3.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 15.00 |
| Primary Dept | 10.00 |
| Kindergarten | 7.00 |
| Nursery | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 2.00 |

BREAKTHROUGH IN MISSION ...

Breakthrough in Mission denotes a deepening of the dedication of Christians to the Cause of Christ. Increased participation in Christian work thru sacrificial sharing would be one result of this more vital dedication.

Breakthrough in Mission is a natural product of Christian growth. The individual expresses his gratitude to God , the giver of all, through dedication of a worthy and reasonable share of his income for Christian work. In a like manner the congregation grows as it methodically and deliberately dedicates an increasing portion of its resources for Christian work beyond the local community.

Just a few weeks remain in the present Brotherhood year. Your offering for Children's Day might be the amount needed to achieve the Outreach goal for the year. If there is to be a breakthrough in mission, our Church School offering should reflect an increase of 15% or more over last year.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
May 15, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 7 | .91 |
| Nursery | 18 | 1.91 |
| Kindergarten | 22 | 2.17 |
| First Grade | 16 | 1.26 |
| Second Grade | 13 | 1.42 |
| Third Grade | 14 | 1.45 |
| Fourth Grade | 18 | 2.62 |
| Fifth Grade | 13 | 2.62 |
| Sixth Grade | 11 | 2.62 |
| Seventh Grade | 11 | 1.20 |
| Eighth Grade | 12 | 2.23 |
| Ninth Grade | 8 | .85 |
| High School | 29 | 2.86 |
| Pairs & Spares | 7 | 3.55 |
| Young Adults | 0 | 0 |
| '58 Class | 26 | 12.00 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 5.68 |
| Come Double | 22 | 9.50 |
| Progressive | 28 | 15.25 |
| Friendly | 14 | 3.10 |
| Men | 8 | 4.55 |
| Totals | 309 | $ 77.75 |

AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK ...

Mrs. Stanley Cole (Martha) is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Room 322.

Mrs. Wm. Franklin (Joann) is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Room 628

Mrs. Ellery (Freda) Flaugh is a patient in the Methodist Hospital, Room B451 Indianapolis. Mrs. Flaugh is a member here at First Church.

Mrs. Elna Taylor is still confined to her home.

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NEEDED! A large chest of drawers for use in the Nursery. Have YOU such a chest that you would like to dispose of? If so, please call Mrs. Naile, 747-3789, or the Church Office, 744-3239, and someone will pick it up.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)
VISITATION EVANGELISM -
Fourth Tuesday each month
CHOIR REHEARSALS -
Sanctuary Choir, Thursdays 7:30 PM
High School Choir, Thursdays 6:15 P.M.
Junior Choir, Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

CYF - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
CHI RHO - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 A.M
BEGINNERS Worship - Sundays 10:30 AM
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE BABIES AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS WILL be on Sunday, June 5, at the 10:30 A.M. Worship service.

From Page -1-

love God, and are loved by God, is better treatment for nervous indigestion than an operation or an analysis."
Try Christian Faith today! It works!

Sunday's Sermon:"BREAD OF LIFE"

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May 15, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 438 |
| Church School Attendance | 309 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1359.16 |
| Church School Offering | 77.75 |
| Building Fund | 5.00 |
| Unified Promotion -ChiRho | 24.80 |
| Landscaping | 20.00 |
| | $ 1486.70 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$46,134.24
U.C.F.A. 44,123.17

ATTENTION - CHI RHO'S ..
The Chi Rho's are asked to meet in the Church Chapel next Sunday evening at 4:45 . The theme for the program is: "What Is Behind The Green Door?" This program includes Chi Rhos and High School youths. Remember the time: 4:45 P.M. in the Chapel !

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LANDSCAPING ... Specifications for the landscaping are in the hands of three professional landscaping firms for bids. Bids are to be opened by the Trustees on May 19 and a contract will be let and planting begun this month. We still need around $350 to complete the full program .

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CHILDREN'S DAY will be observed on Sunday, June 5, throughout the Church School. Goals are posted on the inside of this week's Tidings.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV Fort Wayne, Indiana, May 26, 1966 No. 34

## "I LOVE HIM TOO!"

An old countryman, visiting London for the first time in his life, went into the great Tate Art Gallery to look around. Presently he came to a wonderful painting of the Lord Jesus Christ hanging upon the cross. He stopped before the picture, and as he gazed at the scene before him a great love for the One who hung on Calvary's cross flooded his heart. "Bless Him!" he said aloud, "I love Him! I love Him!"

Others in the gallery heard the old man's words, and seeing the tears trickling down his furrowed cheeks, as he stood looking at the scene at Calvary, hat in hand, forgetful of all else, were also touched and came to stand before the scene. Presently a stranger drew near to the old man, and grasping his hand, said: "I love Him, too, brother!"

Seeing what had taken place, a third stepped forward, saying, "And I love Him, too!" Then a fourth joined them, and a fifth, until there stood before the picture of the Saviour a little knot of the friends of Jesus, perfect strangers to one another, but drawn together by their love for Christ.

Do you love Him too? Enough to clasp hands with fellow-Christians and make His saving grace known to all the world? Join hands then brothers of the faith, whate'er your tongue may be, who serves my Father as a son, is surely kin to Me!

Sunday's Sermon: "INTO ALL THE WORLD"

DELTA FOOD COLLECTION .....

ON MAY 7, over 20,000 pounds of food was loaded on a truck and started on its way to the Delta Region in Mississippi. In addition to the food over $1,000 was also donated. On behalf of the committee may we express our appreciation for this outpouring of Christian love and Christian concern for the people who, through no fault of their own, have lost their jobs and are actually hungry. "Inasmuch as ye did it ...."

Associated Churches.

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WHY THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH?

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a sound reason for existence. Born on the shores of America early in the nineteenth century, she is dedicated to the basic principles of religious freedom and Christian unity. Among her great leaders were such men as Thomas and Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, Racoon John Smith, the evangelist Walter Scott and many others. There are at present about two million members in America.

Going beyond creeds and systems of theology, the Christian Church has accepted the Bible alone as sufficient for the rule of Christian faith. Her only creed is the simple confession that, "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God," as recorded in Matthew 16:16 and Acts 8:37.

Two ordinances are observed in the Christian Church - Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism by Immersion is adopted as the one baptism recognized by all other communions, and is believed by all to have been practiced by the earliest Christians. The Lord's Supper is observed each Lord's Day "In remembrance of Christ," and is open to all who would commune with him.

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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, May 29

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Albert Powell
Eugene Klepfer

10:30 A.M. Service -

William Caldwell
Hugh Rice

DEACONS: Captain, Herbert Banet

8:15 A.M. Service -

E.M. O'Laughlin
Ralph Weesner
Leon Johns
Herbert Banet

10:30 A.M. Service -

Frank M. Moody
Paul D. Truby
LeRoy Timbrook
Paul E. Yentes
A. Jefferson Young
Robert Urich
Ward Bundy
Andrew C. Cook

ALTERNATES -

Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Kenneth Gould
Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John Clark
Arthur Mowery

DEACONESSES: May 29, June 5

Mrs. Hugh Rice
Mrs. James Naile

COFFEE HOUR - May

'58 Class

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STORK NEWS:

A little Miss came to make her home with John & Joann Black, 1828 Crescent Ave. She was born May 18, 1966 at Parkview Hospital. We congratulate the Babe and her parents.

## CHILDREN's DAY GOALS - 1966
### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

| | |
|---|---|
| Men's Class | $ 25.00 |
| Friendly Class | 40.00 |
| Progressive Class | 100.00 |
| Come Double | 50.00 |
| '58 Class | 50.00 |
| Berean Class | 25.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 10.00 |
| Young Adults | 5.00 |
| High School Class | 15.00 |
| Nineth Grade | 5.00 |
| Eighth Grade | 5.00 |
| Seventh Grade | 3.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 15.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 10.00 |
| Kindergarten | 7.00 |
| Nursery | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 2.00 |

## PREACH THE GOSPEL

The Gospel, the story of God's redeeming love, is being preached around the world.

In primitive dwellings of remote villages - in the barrios of Northern Luzon in the busy bazaars of restless India- along the pathways of turbulent Africa in the mercadoes of Latin America - in the classrooms of Japan - people are hearing the WORD.

In Africa, in the chaos of jungle rebellion the work of evangelism goes on. In Orissa (India), great progress is being made. Along the Kwai River in Thailand, Christianity is being presented for the first time.

We share in the work of evangelism, of preaching the Gospel and establishing the Work of Christ by sharing for the Outreach Missions of our Church. The special offering received on Children's Day, June 5, is a part of this support.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
May 22, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 8 | .57 |
| Nursery | 20 | 2.45 |
| Kindergarten | 24 | 2.45 |
| First Grade | 15 | 2.89 |
| Second Grade | 14 | .70 |
| Third Grade | 12 | 1.55 |
| Fourth Grade | 18 | 3.00 |
| Fifth Grade | 15 | 3.00 |
| Sixth Grade | 9 | 3.00 |
| Seventh Grade | 10 | 1.50 |
| Eighth Grade | 12 | 1.25 |
| Ninth Grade | 16 | .92 |
| High School | 26 | 3.43 |
| Pairs & Spares | 12 | 5.20 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 2.00 |
| '58 Class | 27 | 16.00 |
| Berean Class | 15 | 5.75 |
| Come Double | 32 | 18.25 |
| Progressive | 38 | 19.50 |
| Friendly | 14 | 2.81 |
| Men | 10 | 6.10 |
| Totals | 349 | $ 102.32 |

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK ...

Mrs. Ollie Wiley, Mrs. Homer Stevenson's mother, is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Rm. 208

Mrs. Harold Nordblom has been a patient in Rm. 512, St. Joseph's Hospital.

Garland Morrolf was a patient last week in Rm. 400, , Lutheran Hospital.

Leon Johns will under-go surgery on Thursday of this week at Parkview Hospital.

Mark and Thomas Grier, sons of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Grier, are in Lutheran Hospital, on West Fourth.

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Modern Christians too often want their religion thinned down, sweetened, and sprayed upon ...But vital Christianity is radical and revolutionary. It is dynamite. --C. W. Wagner

Miss Edna Saxon
715 Broadway, Apt. 3
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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. =Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Fourth Tuesday each month

CHOIR REHEARSALS -
Sanctuary Choir, Thursdays 7:30 PM
High School Choir, Thursdays 6:15 PM
Junior Choir, Sundays at 5:30 PM

CYF - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

CHI RHO - Last Sunday was the final regular meeting of this group until Fall. However, they will have a get-together from time to time during the Summer.

JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays 10:30 A.M.

BEGINNERS Worship -Sundays 10:30 AM

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

EXPLORERS POST - First Tuesday each month .

May 22, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 403 |
| Church School Attendance | 349 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1392.11 |
| Church School Offering | 102.32 |
| Building Fund | 100.00 |
| Landscaping | 210.00 |
| | $ 1804.43 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 46,134.24
U.C.F.A. 44,123.17

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The SPICE Group will meet Wednesday June 1, at 10:30 A.M. Hostess, Mrs. David Hogg, 3233 Chancellor Drive. Worship by Mrs. Hogg.

The DYE Group will enjoy a "carry-in" luncheon at Big Long Lake, Wednesday June 1 at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, hostess. Mrs. Wm. Hunt, will present the program, Worship by Mrs. Thos. Wunderlich.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Paul Truby, 440 Englewood Court, Thursday, June 2, at 7:45 P.M. Program, Mrs. Robert Clipp; Worship, Mrs. Rex. Meadows.

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SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE BABIES AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS will be held on Sunday, June 5, at the 10:30 A.M. Worship Service. If you are planning to bring your child, please call Mrs. Vaught in the Church office. Thank you!

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F-A-I-T-H means, Forsaking All I Take Him . --Phillip Brooks




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** June 2, 1966 No. 35


## WHEN THE DARKNESS DEEPENS

During the dim-out on the West Coast during World War II, an unprecedented opportunity was presented for the world's largest observatory on Mt. Wilson overlooking Los Angeles to study the stars.

We are told there was revealed a multitude of new far-off stars which added an important new chapter to man's study of the universe! Formerly the sky-shine from the great city reduced the distance the telescope could see because of the light that fogged and blurred the sensitive photographic plates.

Perhaps in like manner, a moral dim-out of man's eternal busyness which fogs and blurs the photographic plates of his soul is necessary before man can focus his spiritual gaze on the Star of Bethlehem on the horizon of the City of God! As the darkness deepens about us in these hours of great crisis in the world's history, perhaps man will see beyond the city of man to the eternal City of God and be saved.

This Sunday is Children's Day in the life of our great Brotherhood. It is the one day in the year when we take up a special offering for the world mission of the Church. Your offering can bring Christ to the world. It is always a measure of one's faith in Christ whether we respond with the grace of generosity or merely hope something will be done by someone. Let's do something worthwhile for the mission of Christ in all the world.

Sunday's Sermon: "MORE THAN CONQUERORS" (Romans)

## "GOD IS ALIVE"

"Keep in circulation the Rumor that God is Alive" Beginning June 6th on all three television stations (Channels 15,21,33) there will be a series of spot announcements sponsored by the Associated Churches. The purpose of these spot announcements - only 20 seconds or 60 seconds long - is to catch the attention of the man or woman who does not go to church or think much about his relationship to God. It is our hope to capture his attention and start him thinking about God and religion. WATCH for these announcements; tell your friends to look for them also, circulate the rumor among your non-Christian friends that God is Alive. It will be a good conversation starter.

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## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 13 - 24 - 9 to 11:30 A.M.

Each Week-day Monday thru Friday.

For children aged 3 years through 6th grade children.

CYF & CHI RHO Sessions -

June 14, 16, 21, 23, Picnic on 24th.

Theme: "GOD LIVES TODAY"

Fee: $1.50 per child or youth.

Offering for mission project will be taken each Friday. An Open House for parents will be held on Friday morning at 10:30 A.M. June 24.

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We are living in a confusion of tongues; many men are offering many contradictory solutions of the world's ills. We need to hear God speak. And the Bible gives us God's voice, in His own words, with His own divine and infallible solution for the world's ills as no other book ever possessed by men.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, June 5

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

George Bruckman
Myron Cole

10:30 A.M. Service -

Dr. Henry Lee Butler
J. Fred Smell

DEACONS: Captain - Rufus Quinn

8:15 A.M. Service -

Leland Higgins
Paul Kenline
James Kirsch
Herdis Helmuth

10:30 A.M. Service -

Carl Smith
Merland Heller
Charles Speicher
Vernon Moore
Virgil Montgomery
Dr. James Ruble
Herman Weber
Robert Schubel

ALTERNATES -

Romane Cole
Edwin Allen
James Heavin
Rufus Quinn
Thomas Thornbury
John Varner
George Davis
Edward M. Smith

DEACONESSES - June 5

Mrs. Hugh Rice
Mrs. James Naile

COFFEE HOUR - June

Progressive Class

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## IN APPRECIATION

Mr. Al Schell wishes to take this me
to express his appreciation for the m
cards and calls he received during hi
illness. Especially those of Bro. Georg

## CHILDREN'S DAY GOALS - 1966
## CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

| | |
|---|---|
| Men's Class | $ 25.00 |
| Friendly Class | 40.00 |
| Progressive Class | 100.00 |
| Come Double Class | 50.00 |
| '58 Class | 50.00 |
| Berean Class | 25.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 10.00 |
| Young Adults | 5.00 |
| High School Class | 15.00 |
| Ninth Grade | 5.00 |
| Eighth Grade | 5.00 |
| Seventh Grade | 3.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 15.00 |
| Primary Dept | 10.00 |
| Kindergarten | 7.00 |
| Nursery | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 2.00 |

## HE CAME IN TIME

"You have come to us in time. We can help you." The words of the doctor in the Mission Hospital brought great joy to the man who had traveled in an ox cart and afoot for several days Fear had shadowed each painful mile for he was suffering from leprosy. Constantly with him was the question, "Is there any hope?"

In desperation, driven by knowledge that the disease with which he was afflicted was literally "eating" his life away, the sufferer turned towards his only way of hope left open ... the distant Christian Hospital. And the good doctor said ..."you have come in time. We can help you."

Our church maintains hospitals and health centers in many lands. Knowledge of sanitation, relation of diet to health, elementary laws of hygiene, care of the ill, training of nurses - these are part of the services of seventeen Mission Health Centers oper ated by Disciples of Christ abroad.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
## MAY 29, 1966

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .37 |
| Nursery | 18 | 2.37 |
| Kindergarten | 23 | 2.33 |
| First Grade | 10 | 2.28 |
| Second Grade | 13 | 1.01 |
| Third Grade | 11 | 1.30 |
| Fourth Grade | 15 | 2.53 |
| Fifth Grade | 13 | 2.53 |
| Sixth Grade | 8 | 2.53 |
| Seventh Grade | 7 | 1.55 |
| Eighth Grade | 12 | 3.50 |
| Ninth Grade | 11 | 1.65 |
| High School | 22 | 2.41 |
| Pairs & Spares | 8 | 5.00 |
| Young Adults | 0 | - - |
| '58 Class | 20 | 10.00 |
| Berean Class | | 5.00 |
| Come Doub;e | 17 | 8.50 |
| Progressive | 27 | 13.29 |
| Friendly | 17 | 3.80 |
| Men | 6 | 3.75 |
| Totals | 263 | $ 75.70 |

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK ...

Mr. Leon Johns is still a patient in Parkview Hospital.

## STORK NEWS!

A baby girl was born to Judith and Jerry Ferguson; She was born May 26, 1966 at Lutheran Hospital. Congratulations to Babe and parents.

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## IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mr. Arthur Mowery and his family in the recent death of his father.

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NOTES:

Little Miss Rebecca Travis is a patient at Parkview Hospital, Room 650.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Fourth Tuesday each month

CHOIR REHEARSALS -
Sanctuary Choir, Thursdays 7:30 P.M.
High School Choir, Thursdays 6:15 PM
Junior Choir, Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

CYF - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

CHI RHO - No regular meetings until Fall Occasional get-togethers during the summer. You will be notified.

BEGINNERS Worship - Sundays 10:30 AM

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

EXPLORERS POST - First Tuesday each month.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE BABIES AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS - Sunday, June 5 at the 10:30 Service.

May 29, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 348 |
| Church School Attendance | 263 |
| Regular Church Offering | 975.57 |
| Church School Offering | 75.70 |
| Children's Day Offering | 9.50 |
| U.C.F.A. | 15.30 |
| | $ 1076.07 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 46,134.24
U.C.F.A. 44,123.17

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Henry Lee Butler, 1600 Randalia Drive, Tuesday, June 7 at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Butler; Worship, Mrs. Neil Allen.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Herbert Banet, 933 W. Oakdale Drive, Tuesday, June 7 for a 10:30 luncheon meeting. Program by Mrs. R.S.G. Quinn; Worship, Mrs. Wm. Love.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Ray Mathis, 5531 Plaza Drive, Wednesday, June 8 at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Myrl Beachley; Worship by Mrs. J. J .W. Broom.

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## ROVING AMBASSADORS

(Summer Vacationers ....!)

Please send back postcards from where ever you travel this summer and either mail back a church bulletin or bring them back with you. These will be posted on a map in Fellowship Hall so we can share in the fun you have had in your travels. The address:
First Christian Church, 4800 S. Calhoun
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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana.** June 9, 1966 No. 36


## GOD CALLS HIS SERVANTS NOW AS THEN ...

Long ago out of a palace God called a servant to dwell in a shepherd's tent, and there keeping the flocks of Jethro Moses prepared to serve th living God.

Out of a shepherd's tent God called a servant to sit on the throne in the palace of Israel's kings, and David responded to the call of the Lord.

From a throne of God to a rude cross on a barren, wind-swept hill, the Father called another Servant - even His beloved Son, Jesus, who responded by saying, "I came not to be served, but to give my life ...."

The night of April 24, I was contacted by the Chairman of the Board and the chairman of the Pulpit committee of the First Christian Church of Atlanta, Ga., and extended the call of their church. I promised to pray about the matter and to seek earnestly to know the Father's will in the matter. Mr. J. T. Beale, State Secretary of Alabama contacted me on their behalf while I was in Montgomery for the preaching mission and told me to their needs and of their potential. I have been in constant touch with the people of Atlanta and we have been in serious prayer in the matter. Both Alma and I came to feel that it was indeed our Father's will and so last Sunday when the pulpit committee called we gave them an affirmative answer. I have submitted with deep regret our resignation as your minister. I have gone in and out among you for nearly ten years. I have married your youth, and stood in the hour of grief with too many of you to make our parting easy. We have loved you all and sought to serve you all in the name of Christ.

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"CHRISTIAN CHORAL"

The Church choir has recorded a 12 inch L.P. hi - fi album entitled - "Christian Choral". The albums are $3.00 and should be available this week. They can be obtained from any High School or Sanctuary choir member. Featured soloists are: Mrs. Henry Schryver and Mr. Robert Cocherille. Place your orders now - They'd make wonderful gifts, too!

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NOTE: Many of our members will be interested to learn that Rev. & Mrs. S. J. Burgess will celebrate their 50th (golden) wedding anniversary on June 26, 1966. Rev. Burgess was a former pastor here and they now make their home in Green Valley, Arizona.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 13 -24 - 9 to 11:30 A.M.

Each week-day Monday thru Friday for children 3years old and thru the 6th grade.

CYF & CHI RHO Youth Sessions are to be held on June 14, 16, 21, 23, with a picnic on the 24th.

Theme: "GOD LIVES TODAY"

Fee - $1.50 per child or youth.

Mrs. Hendricks Love, Leader

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ROVING AMBASSADORS

(Summer Vacationers . . !)

Send back post cards from places you visit on your travels this summer, and also the bulletins from the Churches in which you worship while away from your home church. We will pin these up on a map in Fellowship Hall so we all can share in the fun you have had in your travels.

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"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" applies to vacation Sundays as well as the rest of the year.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, June 12

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

John Barbre
William R. Love

10:30 A.M. Service -

Charles Fuchshuber
Rolland Ripple

DEACONS: Captain, Rufus Quinn

8:15 A.M. Service -

Romane Cole
Edwin Allen
James P. Heavin
Rufus Quinn

10:30 A.M. Service -

Leland Higgins
Paul Kenline
James Kirsch
Herdis Helmuth
Virgil Montgomery
Dr. James Ruble
Herman Weber
Robert Schubel

Alternates -

Carl Smith
Merland Hellor
Charles Speicher
Vernon Moore
Thomas Thornbury
John C. Varner
George R. Davis
Edward M. Smith

DEACONESSES: June 12, 19, 26

Mrs. Hendricks Love
Mrs. Wm. Crouse

COFFEE HOUR - June

Progressive Class

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I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, but in what direction we are moving.

--Holmes

## 1966 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The youth whom we know of and want to congratulate on their finishing High School are: Woodie Klepfer, John Merrill, Jr., Heather Butler, Connie Wascovich, Suzie Bragg, Marlo Vanderwall, Judy Cole, Jay Howell, Sue Mills, Louisa Jutte and Neil Trim, and also Sharon Corkwell.
You have our sincere best wishes . . . .
There may be other young folk of the Church whose names are not listed here if so, please call the office and we will list your name in the Tidings next week.

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We would very much like to recognize the College graduates in our congregation. If you have graduated from college this year please call the office by Monday next week. Thank you!

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet for a picnic supper at the home of Mrs Henry M. Flowers, 9410 Saratoga on Monday, June 13 at 6:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Charles Speicher, Worship by Mrs. Wm. Conrad.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Rayl, 5109 Fernwood on Tuesday June 14 at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Kenneth Hunt, Worship by Mrs. Charles Eckert.

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## THANK YOU!

Mrs. Ellen Buchanan wishes to take this means to thank everyone for their calls and cards sent her during thr recent months.

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The true measure of the worth of education lies not in what you can get from the world, but in what you can give it.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

JUNE 5, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 11 | $ 2.09 |
| Nursery | 23 | 4.29 |
| Kindergarten | 19 | 4.01 |
| First Grade | 13 | 3.73 |
| Second Grade | 10 | 4.04 |
| Third Grade | 13 | 5.38 |
| Fourth Grade | 15 | 6.28 |
| Fifth Grade | 16 | 6.23 |
| Sixth Grade | 13 | 6.23 |
| Seventh Grade | 8 | 5.05 |
| Eighth Grade | 11 | 4.15 |
| Ninth Grade | 11 | 2.50 |
| High School | 29 | 7.35 |
| Pairs & Spares | 10 | 28.75 |
| Young Adults | 6 | 1.90 |
| '58 Class | 24 | 30.00 |
| Berean Class | 15 | 50.00 |
| Come Double | 21 | 50.50 |
| Progressive | 34 | 100.35 |
| Friendly | 19 | 40.00 |
| Men | 9 | 11.50 |
| Totals | 330 | $ 375.33 |

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Donald Davenport is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Room 206.

Mrs. Lenore McKinney is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Moellering Unit 123. Mrs. McKinney is a member of the Christian Church in California and calls by our women will be greatly appreciated.

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## STORK NEWS

Dick and Shirley Skelton are the proud parents of Baron Richard, born June 4th. at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Patricia June is the new baby daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Andrews, born June 3. Mr. & Mrs. Gorden Welker are the proud grandparents.

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CHURCH CALENDAR
SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM
Fourth Tuesday each month

CHOIR REHEARSALS -
Sanctuary Choir, Thursdays 7:30 P.M.
High School Choir, Thursdays 6:15 PM

Sanctuary and High School Choirs hold rehearsals from September through mid-June each year.

Junior Choir - will NOT meet for rehearsal again until September.

CYF - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
This year's graduating Youth in our Church will have a breakfast next Sunday at 6:30 A.M. when they will recognize the Mr. CYF and Miss CYF of the year. Later they will sit in a group in the worship service.

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We will be leaving the latter part of July with the knowledge that God has infinitely greater things in store for you than we have ever accomplished! We go in firm faith that if the Father calls, men must answer in a corresponding faith that all things do indeed work together for good to them who love the Lord.

Telling you in this manner makes it so much easier than trying to tell you from the pulpit. The Father's flock on the other side of the hill has need of this shepherd, and we go believing we are doing His will. Thank you for ten of the most wonderful years a family have ever known and may God bless us and keep us all in His Holy Grace.

Sermon for Sunday:
"PREACH THE GOSPEL"
(Corinthians)

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June 5, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 396 |
| Church School Attendance | 330 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1471.26 |
| Church School Offering | 375.33) |
| Children's Day Offering | 84.95) |
| Building Fund Offering | 5.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 15.10 |
| | $ 1951.64 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 45,145.69
U.C.F.A. $ 43,373.17

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mowery and family wish to express their appreciation for the kind expressions of sympathy they received at the time of Mr. Mowery's father's death.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** June 16, 1966 No. 37


## COMMITTED UNTO GOD

During my ministry I have known many men and women definitely committed to God's program. The only one perfectly committee was his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. In all of his life his will was always subservient to the will of his Father. When his life hung in the balance he said: "Not as I will but as thou wilt." This is absolute commitment.

God's supreme creation was man. Everything in the universe was made for him. In him was centered God;s interest. And God's highest interest was in man's life and how he lived it. That he might live it well, God sent his Son as an example and provided a textbook on life which we call our Bible.

God's first effort to have us understand about life came through his scribe, Moses. In Genesis, Exodus, and Leviticus, God was telling us about life - its beginning, its preservation, its governing laws. A few centuries later in the eighth and ninth centuries before Christ, God sent us the world's greatest preachers, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and the rest. I know full well each spoke to a political situation of his own day, but I also know each had a message on life good until the end of time. We read and we listened but somehow we were still not quite able to understand about life. So God made another effort in which, with well chosen scriptures, be connected these earlier efforts with his final one. The connecting scriptures were these: "The law is a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ." And later, "God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners, spake in times past unto our fathers through the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us through his Son." So both of these

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## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

VCS is well into its first week and the children and youth are really enjoying it. They have a good enrollment and others are expected on next Monday, for the final week. Interesting subjects are being considered, and interesting things are being accomplished. We are pleased that so many youth are taking advantage of the school.

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## NURSERY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PURDUE UNIVERSITY will offer a short course for Nursery School teachers this Summer. It will be for six nights, each Tuesday and Thursday from August 16th to September 1st from 7:00 to 10:00 o'clock. It is limited to 25 persons and the registration fee will be $15.00.

Mrs. Martha Hemphill, Chairman of the Associated Churches Department of Christian Education will be the teacher. This is an unusual opportunity for the Nursery School Teachers of our city to receive additional training for their work.

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DALLAS ASSEMBLY- September 23-28

It is not too early to register for the 1966 International Convention to be held at Dallas, Texas, September 23 thru 28th. Adults registration $5.00 Family rates $10.00. Students $2.00. Application blanks may be secured from the minister or the Church office.

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The lives and happiness of our children, as far ahead as the mind can reach depend upon us today. If we succeed, posterity looking back will record that this was indeed man's finest hour.

--Copied

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

June 12. 1966

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 8 | 1. |
| Nursery | 20 | 2. |
| Kindergarten | 24 | 3. |
| First Grade | 11 | 2. |
| Second Grade | 17 | 1. |
| Third Grade | 10 | 1. |
| Fourth Grade | 17 | 1. |
| Fifth Grade | 11 | 1. |
| Sixth Grade | 8 | 1. |
| Seventh Grade | 7 | . |
| Eighth Grade | 7 | 1. |
| Ninth Grade | 9 | 1. |
| High School | 16 | 3. |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 5. |
| Young Adults | 3 | -- |
| '58 Class | 27 | 16. |
| Berean Class | 9 | 5. |
| Come Double | 12 | 6. |
| Progressive | 33 | 17 |
| Friendly | 14 | 2. |
| Men | 7 | 13 |
| Totals | 279 | $ 91 |

## PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

The Progressive Class will have thei annual picnic at Shoaff Park, north end pavilion, Sunday afternoon, Jun 26. Bring a meat dish and one oth and your table service. Come early and enjoy the games and fellowship Picnic supper at 5:00 P.M.

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## "CHRISTIAN CHORAL"

You will want to buy at least one o 12 inch, L.P. hi-fi albums entitled, "Christian Choral", recorded by ou Sanctuary Choir. The albums are $ and can be obtained from any High School or Sanctuary Choir member. The featured soloists are: Mrs. Hen Schryver, contralto and Robert Coc tenor. Place your orders now!

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
General Meeting
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On Tuesday evening, June 21 at 8 PM The General meeting of the CWF will be held in the Church Parlor. A short business session will be held conducted by Mrs. Wm. Love. Mrs. A.R. Shockney is in charge of Installing the new officers for 1966-67. The new officers including all group leaders are asked to be present for this service. The Nelson Group is in charge of the program, the title, "New Words For Old." Worship by Montgomery Group, Higdon Group members will be hostesses, Refreshments will be served by Fellowship Guild.

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There are three CWF Groups who have not sent in their list of new officers and membership roll. We hope you will take care of this matter soon.

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RECOGNITION

Sunday, June 19 is FATHER'S DAY The oldest father present, the youngest father present, the father with the youngest child and the father coming the greatest distance to be in the service will be honored in the 10:30 AM Worship Service.

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Let each man think himself an act of God; his mind a thought, his life a breath of God; and let each try, by great thoughts and good deeds, to show the most of Heaven he hath in him. We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives who thinks most - feels the noblest - acts the best.

--P.J.Bailey

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
Officers Serving Sunday, June 19

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
David Hogg
Glenn Miller

10:30 A.M. Service -
Rolland Ripple
Ronald McVay

DEACONS: Captain - Merle Rice

8:15 A.M. Service -
Cecil Beck
Ben Taylor
James Lehman
John Peterson

10:30 A.M. Service -
Donald Smith
F.Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John Black
Merle Rice

ALTERNATES:
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Melvin Foster
James Cain
C.Hugh Bassett
Hendricks Love
Lawrence Horn

DEACONESSES: June 19, 26
Mrs. Hendricks Love
Mrs. William Crouse

COFFEE HOUR - June
Progressive Class

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School

(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM

Fourth Tuesday each month

CHOIR REHEARSALS -

Sanctuary Choir, Thursdays 7:30 P.M.

High School Choir, Thursdays 6:15 PM

Sanctuary and High School Choirs have rehearsals from September through mid-June each year.

Junior Choir will meet again in September.

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### 1966 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Miss Carole Weesner - sincere best wishes on her graduation from High School.

CONGRATULATIONS and sincere best wishes to Rev. & Mrs. S.J.Burgess, former minister, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding anniversary, June 26.

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early efforts served but to make us face his Son.

Now for a more important scripture, "In Him was life and the life was the light of men." His life is the light of men for what? To show us what life ought to be. So now I hear God saying, "Just look and see what life ought to be. Jesus' life, totally committed unto God shows us the true commitment. Just look at Jesus and you will know what life ought to be. Every grace of Christian personality is seen in its perfection here. Patience, purity, brotherhood, love, service and the rest. Justlook at Him. Grow His graces in your life, and it will be committed unto God.

- L.N.D. WELLS

Sunday's Sermon:

"INTO SPIRITUAL LIFE"

(Galatians & Thessalonians)

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June 12, 1966

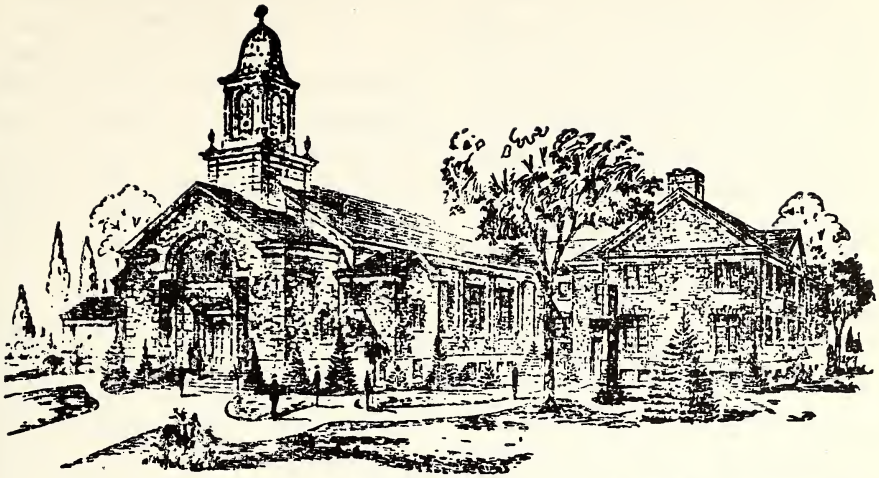
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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 374 |
| Church School Attendance | 279 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1313.70 |
| Church School Offering | 91.30 |
| Children's Day Offering | 12.00 |
| Building Fund Offering | 6.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 2.00 |
| | $ 1425.00 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...

$ 45,145.69

U.C.F.A $ 43,373.17

APPRECIATION... I should like to take this means and opportunity to thanks my many friends for their many cards and calls, etc. They helped so much. Thank you, especially Rev. George. -Mrs. Stanley Cole.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** June 23, 1966 No. 38


## GOD'S WORD AT WORK IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Much in the news today are the countries of Southeast Asia. The Bible-a-month Club began its third year of operation in 1964, and the country of Thailand was the first country to receive the Club's gift Bibles.

For some years requests had been coming to the Bible Society for Scriptures to be placed in the 20,000 Buddhist temples of this strategic nation. Buddhists are often ready to learn more about Christ, since many of the principles of the Buddhist "way of life" exist also in Christianity, The presence of the Holy Bible in strategic locations has, on occasion, inspired followers of the Buddha to seek more information about God's Gift of His only Son, Jesus Christ.

Placing Bibles in Buddhist temples has opened doors of missionary outreach with amazing possibilities. A priest wrote recently from Bangkok requesting additional copies. The abbot, he said, was reading the Bible so much that the other priests did not have a chance. Requests from other temples continue to come to the American Bible Society. One abbot, however, refused to receive a copy, saying that he once read the story of the crucifixion and it so disturbed his peace of mind that he did not want the priests under him to endure such mental anxiety! (An interesting tribute to the power of the scriptures.) And say, has the story of Christ's crucifixion ever given you much mental anguish?

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## GREEN STAMPS FOR HANDBELLS!

The Choir now has 143 books of green stamps toward a total needed of 298 books for the purchase of Handbells. We know that everyone does not have a source for collecting green stamps but those who do have green stamps to spare - bring them to church in books, in envelopes or paper sacks! We have nearly reached the halfway point.

Marsh Foods, on Bluffton Road have made an offer to help us: THE OFFER: 1 - A BOOK OF COUPONS

Church members will receive one or more books containing (8) eight coupons each for 100 free stamps with purchase of $10 or more. Also 10 coupons for 50 free stamps with purchase of certain items (printed on Coupon) Carry a book in your purse. They are good at any Marsh Store. Directions for use of these coupons will come to you in a letter soon. Watch for it! Support this project so that we may enjoy a Handbell Choir this Fall or Winter. Thank you!

Sanctuary Choir Members.

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I'd rather see a sermon than hear one, any day; ..... - Guest.

PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY - God, give me eyes that I might see the work that can be done by me .. God, give me ears that I may hear the cries of those who need me near .. God, give me a mind, that I might know how to help those who need me so .. God, give me lips that I might speak comfort peace to all who seek .. God, give me hands that I might do some large or simple task for Thee .. God, give me a prayer that I may pray Thy help and guidance every day .. And this one thing, all else above; God, give me a heart, that I may love, --Copied

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

June 19, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .55 |
| Nursery | 16 | 1.84 |
| Kindergarten | 19 | 3.44 |
| First Grade | 6 | 2.60 |
| Second Grade | 9 | 1.35 |
| Third Grade | 9 | 1.55 |
| Fourth Grade | 17 | 2.86 |
| Fifth Grade | 13 | 2.86 |
| Sixth Grade | 11 | 2.85 |
| Seventh Grade | 6 | .55 |
| Eighth Grade | 10 | 2.51 |
| Ninth Grade | 13 | 1.25 |
| High School | 18 | 3.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 7 | 3.50 |
| Young Adults | 5 | 2.05 |
| '58 Class | 19 | 10.00 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 5.25 |
| Come Double | 22 | 7.00 |
| Progressive | 28 | 17.50 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 3.00 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 4.00 |
| Totals | 267 | $ 79.51 |

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mr. Harold Henry underwent surgery on last Friday at Lutheran Hospital. Room 469.

Mrs. James Kirsch is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 410.

Mr. John Z. Berlien is a patient at Parkview Hospital, Room 424.

Mrs. Merland Heller has been ill at her home.

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A THANK YOU NOTE! ... Mrs. Wm. Franklin wishes to take this means to thank everyone for their cards, calls and other kindnesses shown to her and he family during her recent hospitalization. And especially, thanks to the members of the Berean Class and Brother George who were so kind during this time of illness.

DALLAS ASSEMBLY - Great Preaching one good reason for attending the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) September 23-28. Dr. Stephen J. England, convention president, will deliver the opening night sermon on the assembly theme, "In Christ ..Fullness of Life."

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"CHRISTIAN CHORAL"

Have you ordered your album entitled "Christian Choral" which features our Sanctuary Choir and soloists, Mrs. Henry Schryver and Mr. Robert E. Cocherille. The albums are $3.00 each and can be obtained from any one of the High School Choir or the Sanctuary Choir members. Place your order now!

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WAS HELD ON LAST Tuesday evening, when Mrs. A.R. Shockney installed the 1966-1967 officers in a beautiful and meaningful service: President, Mrs. Owen Vaught, Vice-Pres. Mrs. R.S.G. Quinn Vice-Pres. Mrs. Ben Taylor, Secretary Mrs. Walter Williams, Corres. Secy. Mrs. Robert Rayl, Treasurer, Mrs. George Duncan; Group Leaders: Mrs. Paul Yentes, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull Mrs. Ralph Church, Mrs. George Bruckman, Mrs. William Crouse, Mrs. Robert Scott, Mrs. Elwood Parent.

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Study Director, Mrs. Hugh Rice; Service Director, Miss Pearl Heidecker Worship Director, Mrs. William Love. These are your officers for the coming year. Let us support them in fellowship to the glory of God.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, June 26

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Cecil Rice
Kenneth Edwards

10:30 A.M. Service -

Harold Crowder
Solon Merriman

DEACONS: Captain - Merle Rice

8:15 A.M. Service -

James J. Cain
C. Hugh Bassett
Hendricks P. Love
Lawrence Horn

10:30 A.M. Service -

Cecil Beck
Ben G. Taylor
James W. Lehman
John M. Peterson
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Melvin Foster

ALTERNATES:

Donald C. Smith
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John E. Black
Merle Rice

DEACONESSES: June 26

Mrs. Hendricks Love
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COFFEE HOUR - June

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1966

8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)

VISITATION EVANGELISM _
Fourth Tuesday each month.

KINDERGARTEN WORKSHOP -
Will not be in session during the summer months. Will begin again in the Fall.

CHOIR REHEARSALS -
Sanctuary and High School Choirs will not meet again for practice until the Fall. Junior Choir will meet again in September.

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### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers on Sunday, June 26 were given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John McFarland and Mrs. Peggy Clark by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Loftin.

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Any one wishing to join the "GIVE-A-BIBLE" Club can do so by sending $2.00 to the American Bible Society, and a Bible will be given to someone, somewhere in the world where it is needed most.

Not only bombs can change the face of Southeast Asia, the New Testament can do infinitely more to help shape an enduring peace. Care to help "Give-a-Bible" to someone today?

Sunday's Sermon:
"REWARD OF FAITH"
(Timothy & Hebrews)

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June 19, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 391 |
| Church School A tendance | 267 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1219.44 |
| Church School Offering | 79.51 |
| Children's Day Offering | 20.00 |
| | $ 1318.95 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 45,145.69

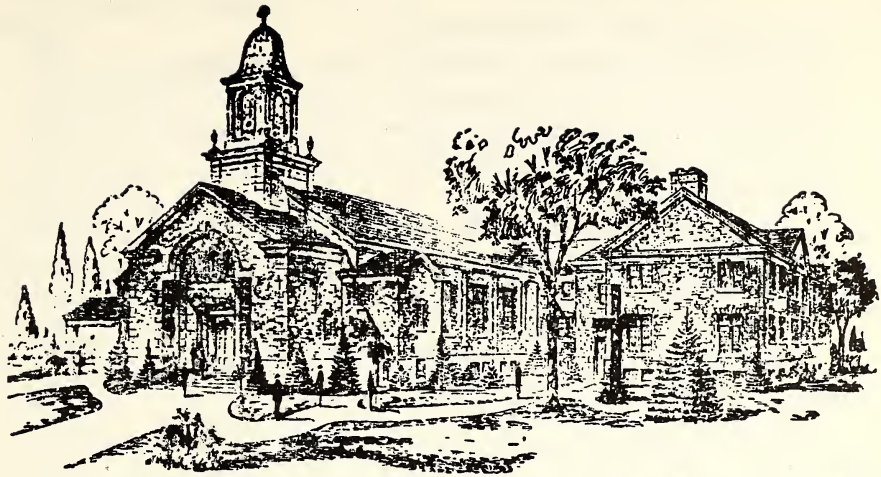
U.C.F.A. $ 43,373.17

### THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

The class will have their annual picnic at Shoaff Park, North end pavilion, Sunday afternoon, June 26. Bring a meat dish and one other dish of food, and your table service. Come early and enjoy the games and fellowship. Picnic supper at 5:00 P.M.

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Men must be governed by God, or they will be ruled by tyrants.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 30, 1966 No. 39


## "BORN TO BE FREE"

Next week-end Americans the world over will celebrate the signing of our Declaration of Independence. We shout long and loud about being free. The question being asked by millions today, however, is free to be what, and to do what? There are those who believe we are free to do as we please and to say what we please but it just isn't so. Men are born to be free, and this innate freedom is not given by men or governments, but is the birthright of sons of God. Men are free to become that which God intends for them to become. They are free to do those things which are in keeping with the plans and purposes of God for all men.

Epictetus a long time ago, said it all when he wrote, "No man is free who is not master of himself." Or the advice of Louis Bromfield might be something to ponder in this hour of terrible tension and turmoil: "The worst enemy of free enterprise, indeed of democracy itself, is not the demagogue and the radical but the econimic conditions which produce the wretched and discontented populations willing to listen to their harangues."

Have you heard of the Russian astronaut who recently on being tested for his capacity to endure the trip to the moon, on being pronounced fit, refused to take the trip. The commissar insisted, "Don't you like to travel?" "Sure!" said the comrade, but not to the moon". The commissar questioned, "Then where would you like to travel?" "To America", he answered. "We can only take you to the moon," said the commissar. "If we could go to America, I'd go myself." re-

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## COMMITTED UNTO GOD
### - Through Love

Jesus said, "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES." We are to treat our enemies, not according to the way we feel, but according to the way Jesus feels. We are to represent Him. Let us try to see this in specific terms:

Here is someone who hates me and despitefully uses me. How can I love him? It seems impossible, yet I must, because as a Christian I am under orders. Therefore, I find myself wishing that I could love him, and trying to love him, and acting as though I did love him - and, lo, something happens! A new power comes into my life- a power, not myself - making for love. And in this power, understanding takes the place of prejudice and dislike. I see my enemy in a new light, I begin to understand some of the reasons for his behavior toward me. I may come to see that his superiority is a coverup for insecurity, and his boasting hides a sense of loneliness and inferiority; that his hatred of me is really a cry for help. So, my heart fills with sympathy for my enemy. ....

It is amazing how, when we swallow our pride and obey the simple command of Jesus, miracles still take place. Enemies can become friends. Such action is always redemptive. It gets into the heart of a man. It makes for understanding. It is constructive. Therefore there is hope in it. If I respond to my enemy in hatred and bitterness I will do nothing but waste my own life. "If you are committed to me," says Jesus, "you will love your enemies." This is something we CAN do, if we want to and if we try. He would not impose an impossible burden upon you. Love your enemies. Then you will know something about the joy and peace which come from live. --John Paul Pack

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
### June 26, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .35 |
| Nursery | 16 | 1.89 |
| Kindergarten | 16 | 1.85 |
| First Grade | 9 | 1.45 |
| Second Grade | 8 | .50 |
| Third Grade | 10 | 1.60 |
| Fourth Grade | 16 | 2.39 |
| Fifth Grade | 9 | 2.39 |
| Sixth Grade | 8 | 2.39 |
| Seventh Grade | 7 | 1.55 |
| Eighth Grade | 9 | 1.85 |
| Ninth Grade | 9 | .56 |
| High School | 17 | 2.36 |
| Pairs & Spares | 8 | 4.00 |
| Young Adults | 7 | 3.00 |
| '58 Class | 13 | 15.00 |
| Berean Class | 7 | 3.00 |
| Come Double | 16 | 9.84 |
| Progressive | 21 | 12.25 |
| Friendly Class | 18 | 3.20 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 3.75 |
| Totals | 236 | $75.17 |

## NEW CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF

Mr. & Mrs. Myrl R. Beachley, teachers Ninth Grade

Carl Smith, Teacher, High School Cla

Mrs. John Williams, Supt. Primary Department.

Mrs. H.P. Love, Special Projects, Dep Christian Education.

W.J. Williams, Chrm. Church School Committee

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The drama, "Everlasting Arms" will be presented by students from Johnson Bible College at Lake James Christian Assembly, Angola, July 30, at 8 P.M. Jim Ireland, one of our young men is a member of this group.

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Robert H. Hill is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 513.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, July 3

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Ralph Church
William Franklin

10:30 A.M. Service -

John Barbre
William Love

DEACONS: Captain - Paul Truby

8:15 A.M. Service -

Donald C. Smith
Ralph Weesner
Herdis Helmuth
Merle Rice

10:30 A.M. Service -

Lawrence Horn
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Robert Urich
E.M. O"Laughlin
Herbert Banet
Leon Johns
Paul Yentes

ALTERNATES:

Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John Clark
Arthur Mowery
Frank Moody
LeRoy Timbrook
Herman Weber
Robert Schubel

DEACONESSES: July 3, 10, 17

Mrs. S.E. Merriman
Mrs. Paul Truby

COFFEE HOUR - July

Berean Class.

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The Vacation Church School Mission Fund for 1966 amounted to $40.00 which will be sent to our Hazel Green Academy in Kentucky.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL -1966

STAFF & HELPERS

Director: Mrs. Hendricks Love
Helper! Miss Becky Buskirk

Nursery : Mrs. Max Finkhousen, Leader
Mrs. Hugh Bassett
Mrs. William Kintzel
Mrs. Carl Pitman
Mrs. David Fuller

Helpers: Miss Theresa Meadows
Stephanie Foster
Julia Naile
Candace Shireman

Kindergarten: Mrs. Robert Hendricks, Dept. Leader.
Mrs. Charles Hunt
Mrs. Phillip Uhl
Mrs. Ronald McVay

Helpers: Barbara Hendricks
Richard Hendricks

Kindergarten & Primary I - Mrs. George Davis, Dept. Leader
Mrs. John Broom
Mrs. Melvin Foster
Mrs. Wm. Jones
Mrs. Ben Taylor
Mrs. Edwin Day
Mrs. W.J. Williams
Mrs. Troy Yeoman

Helper: Cynthia Shireman

Juniors: Mrs. Harley Meadows, Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mrs. Ralph Church, Mrs. E.W. Klepfer, Mrs. Henry Schryver, Mrs. Robt. Cale, Mrs. E. Shireman.

Youth Seminar: Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Church.

Others helping to make the School a success: Mrs. Wm. Love, Susan Love, Cindy Cale; John Merrill, Sr. Mrs. J.C Gerrard, Mrs. James Naile, Miss Mildred Hartman, Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mrs. Geo. Wascovich, Mrs. Elwood Parents, Mrs. Bruce Stone.

We sincerely extend thanks and appreciation to this fine group of people who gave so willing of their time & talents.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1966

8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - Infants and children through 5 years)

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

So that our membership lists in the new Year book can be as accurate as possible we are asking our Group leaders to send in the list of their members as soon as possible. Thank you !

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Ethel Koontz has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 565

Mrs. M. W. Driver is a patient at the Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Carl Linn has been ill at his home.

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plied the comrade!

I read the other day that the Russians expect to reach the moon this year, Ma next year, and by 1975 they expect e- very Russian will own his own pair of shoes! Thank God for America! Only here could the dissenter be free to scc his government and to deride his lead ers, and to damn the laws of the land In the countries where freedom is but dream such tactics would be crushed with bullets and bayonets! Thank Goc for America, but let's work and pray that her charter of freedom will be ex tended to all her people.

Sunday's Sermon:

"EVERY GOOD GIFT"
(James and Jude)

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June 26, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 29 |
| Church School Attendance | 23( |
| Regular Church Offering | 1258.4 |
| Church School Offering | 75.1 |
| U.C.F.A. | 9.( |
| Building Fund | 4.0 |
| | $ 1347.( |

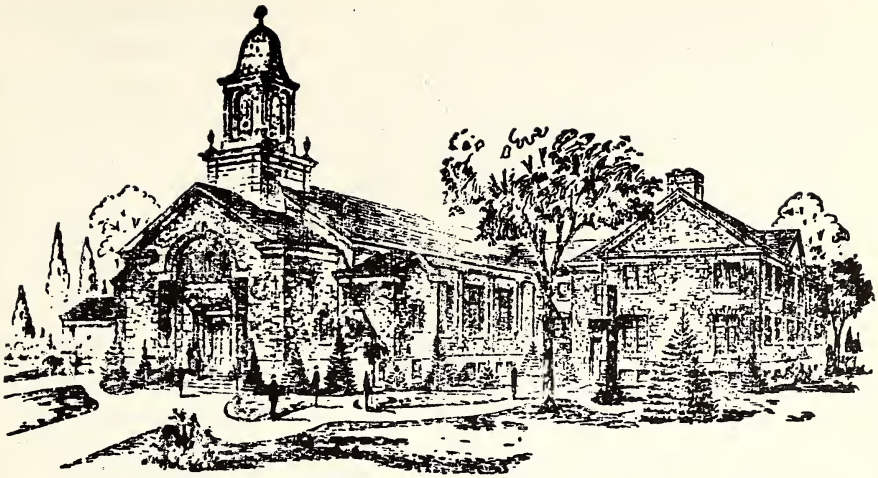
CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...

| | |
|---|---|
| | $ 44,152.61 |
| U.C.F.A. | $ 43,373.17 |

## THE PULPIT SUPPLY COMMITTEI

In accordance with the Constitution and By-laws , two members of the Elders Board were chosen to serve on this committee: Hugh D. Rice and Floyd E. Morrical.

From the congregation on Sunday, Ju 26, two were selected: William H. Crouse and Mrs. Owen Vaught.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## "OUR DWELLING PLACE"

Somewhere we must come to rest. Our fearful and feverish spirits, buffeted and bewildered, must find a home. Sidney Lanier, in "From the Marshes of Glynn," declares:

> As the marsh-hen secretly builds on the watery sod,
> Behold I will build me a nest on the greatness of God. . . .

In the early past of the last century a young man wandered at sunset one day among the Massachusetts hills, lonely and fearful of the future. He had just left home to find work in his chosen profession. Suddenly against the crimson sky he sees a lonely bird, winging its solitary way southward. He watches it till it is gone. But the moment is not gone. For William Cullen Bryant this instant became a guidepost for life. If an unseen power would guide a lonely bird, it most certainly would lead him too. You recall these lines from "To a Waterfoul:

> He who, from zone to zone,
> Guides through the boundless sky thy certain flight,
> In the long way that I must tread alone.
> Will lead my steps aright.

Centuries ago the Psalmist in the ninetieth Psalm reassured himself and his people, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations."

Every Sabbath millions of people wend their way to a village church, a wayside chapel, a soaring temple, to hear the words of eternal life and to meet Him who

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) DALLAS - SEPT 23-28.

HISTORY MAKING BUSINESS will be in the making at this Dallas Asembly. That is a good reason why it would be worthwhile for you to attend.

A vote will be taken there on whether to make the Internation Convention Assembly a delegate body. It's a mass meeting now. If the assembly approves a proposed amendment to the convention's by-laws introduced in 1964, future gatherings will have "voting representatives" from congregations, states and areas, agencies and the convention itself.

By being there to participate in this and other decision-making, you could help make brotherhood history.

FASCINATING EXTRAS -

On Saturday evening, September 24, there will be an all-convention dinner with a program on the work of the church around the world.

A variety of educational and sightseeing tours will be offered on Tuesday afternoon, September 27. And on Wednesday, everyone will journey to Fort Worth for special events on the Texas Christian University campus, a Barbecue and the closing session.

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Badgered, snubbed, and scolded on the one hand; petted, flattered and indulged on the other - it is astonishing how many children work their way up to an honest manhood in spite of parents and friends.

--Henry Ward Beecher

Often the best way to correct your children is to correct the example you are setting for them.

COMMITTED UNTO GOD ...

Through Hope

Without Christ, the world is too much with us and comes very close to being too much for us. It has been said that it was the tragedy of Francis Thompson life that he never felt at home in the world. He was always admonishing his soul to cry out to God in prayer. He persisted in "clinging heaven by the hem" God's kingdom had not as yet come mightily enough either in the individual or on earth. The whole world awaited the revealing of the sons of God. . That would be the cause for heavenly rejoicing, too. Someone has observed our tragedy is just opposite - we feel very much at home in the world. Lives are arid, and we do not know enough about those times of refreshing from the Lord.

But, yet, thank God, there is a growing awareness. Daily there is talk about a better world tomorrow. We are getting pretty close to home and very personal when we ask how men could let the world get into the mess it is in, We are not putting the blame on God so much formerly. We are asking ourselves probing and poignant questions.

This, then, is the time for the ageless Christ. It is Christ who turns the deepest desires and grandest dreams of humanity into a rational hope. He still lifts the individual by his strong right hand. That fact accounts for the difference between the words hopeful and hopeless. "Christianity" said one aforetime, "is the only religion that goes forever through the world with hope written upon its brow." God is not pleased, nor has any person really arrived, as long as he leaves himself.

"In tragic loneliness to choose,
With all in life to win or all to lose.

-- W, A. Shullenberger

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, July 10

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Hugh D. Rice
Charles Fuchshuber

10:30 A.M. Service -

David Hogg
Bueford Tharp

DEACONS: Captain - Paul Truby

8:15 A.M. Service -

Lawrence Horn
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Robert Urich

10:30 A.M. Service -

Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John Clark
Arthur Mowery
F.M.Moody
Le Roy Timbrook
Herman Weber
Robert Schubel

ALTERNATES -

E.M. O'Laughlin
Leon Johns
Herbert Banet
Paul Yentes

DEACONESSES: July 10, 17

Mrs. S. E. Merriman
Mrs. Paul Truby

COFFEE HOUR - July

Berean Class

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

John Williams, III was a patient at Lutheran Hospital, last week.

Last week Dan Auer was a patient at Parkview Hospital

Mrs. Ronald Andrews has been reported a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Rm. 337

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

July 3, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 7 | .35 |
| Nursery | 13 | 1.74 |
| Kindergarten | 17 | 1.50 |
| First Grade | 10 | 1.80 |
| Second Grade | 14 | 1.42 |
| Third Grade | 7 | .75 |
| Fourth Grade | 13 | 1.47 |
| Fifth Grade | 9 | 1.47 |
| Sixth Grade | 8 | 1.47 |
| Seventh Grade | 7 | .60 |
| Eighth Grade | 11 | 2.20 |
| Ninth Grade | 10 | .75 |
| High School | 15 | 2.98 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 4.60 |
| Young Adults | 4 | 3.00 |
| '58 Class | 19 | 9.00 |
| Berean Class | 7 | 5.00 |
| Come Double | 22 | 11.18 |
| Progressive | 26 | 13.00 |
| Friendly Class | 18 | 5.68 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 3.25 |
| Total | 252 | $ 73.18 |

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one, any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way;
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing; but example's always clear;
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds;
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.
I can soon learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action; but your tongue too fast may run.
And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do;
For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live. *

*Sermons We See ..Edgar Guest

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School

(Nursery for all Services -
For Infants and children through
5 years.)

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VACATION TIME ... Vacation time is here. The church secretary will take her vacation a day or two at a time - should you call the office and she isnt there, you may call her at her home.

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THE POLICY STATEMENT was mailed out to Chairmen of Church Boards, chairmen of Functional Departments, and chairmen of committees, for study. As the Official Board will vote on the statement at an early meeting in the Fall, the Property and Care committee respectfully requests that you send them any suggestions you may have relative to this statement by August 23.

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is the Living Word. They go to find rest for their souls, a home for their spirits, an abiding dwelling place.

We come to Him who reassures us, ... "Come unto Me ...and I will give you rest." Let us rest our all upon the love of God.!

Sunday's Sermon: --

"THINGS TO COME"
(Revelations)

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July 3, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 278 |
| Church School Attendance | 252 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1392.30 |
| Church School Offering | 73.18 |
| U.C.F.A | 6.00 |
| Building Fund | 2.00 |
| Landscaping | 5.00 |
| | $ 1478.48 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ....

$ 44,152.61

U.C.F.A $ 38,123.17

LANDSCAPING ..... You will be interested in knowing that the landscaping work has been begun. Flowers and shrubs which can be planted now will be .. the balance will be planted in early Fall.

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PULPIT SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Ralph Church was chosen fifth member of this committee. They will meet in the near future to select a chairman and also to confer with Dr. John Harms State Secretary , regarding an aud interim minister to serve our people until a permanent minister has been calle



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## AROUND THE BEND IN THE ROAD ...

O. K. Chesterton has words that stir the imagination when we contemplate them against the background of life and its tomorrows. In the poem, "The Wild Knight", are found these words:

"So with the wan waste grasses on my spear,
I ride forever seeking after God.
My hair grows whiter than my thistle plume,
And all my limbs are loose; but in my eyes
The star of an unconquerable praise:
For in my soul one hope forever sings
That at the next white corner of the road
My eyes may look on Him."

Youth grow up and go off to school, to the army, etc., and we go about our activities of life often with a heavy heart. We see the awful strife in the world, we know of its terrible tension and tragedy, and we often grow weary of "well doing". I, for one believe man will never solve any of his problems with armed might and hatred, and I'm saddened to believe that man lacks the vision and the desire to try God's way.

But you, child of God, keep before your heart "the star of an unconquerable praise", and may the one blessed hope sing within you that just around the bend in the road your "eyes may look on HIM!"

Sunday's Sermon: "BEYOND THIS HOUR'S DESPAIR"

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, July 17

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Rolland Ripple
Floyd Morrical

10:30 A.M. Service -

Cecil Rice
Fred Smell

DEACONS: Captain - Paul Truby

8:15 A.M. Service -

E.M.O'Laughlin
Leon Johns
Herbert Banet
Paul Yentes

10:30 A.M. Service -

Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John Clark
Arthur Mowery
F.M.Moody
LeRoy Timbrook
Herman Weber
Robert Schubel

ALTERNATES:

Lawrence Horn
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Robert Urich

DEACONESSES: July 17

Mrs. S.E.Merriman
Mrs. Paul Truby

COFFEE HOUR - July

Berean Class

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Whether you believe you can do a thing or not, you are right.

-- Henry Ford

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) DALLAS -SEPT. 23-28.

PLENTY OF WAYS TO LEARN USEFUL THINGS IN DALLAS ...

Business sessions are being planned to bring out the latest information about such matters as the development of new church school curriculum and innovations in benevolent care.

On Monday night, September 26, assembly-goers will choose among dozens of workshops, conversation groups and seminars on topics ranging from staring a new church building to the United Nations. Christian education, membership development, world outreach, stewardship and the church library .. these are just a sampling of the subjects.

Why not plan on going to the assembly and bringing home information that will help our congregation? Pre-registration fee $5.00; students $2.00. Blanks can be obtained from the church office.

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NOTES

Mrs. Grace Tharp was in Lutheran Hospital this week for tests.

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VACATION TIME - You expect God's grace in summer as well as in winter. Has He not a right to your all-year-round devotion?

A vacation is a short duration of recreation, preceded by a period of anticipation and followed by a period of recuperation.

Temptation rarely comes in working hours. It is in their leisure time that men are made or marred.

BE IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY - SOMEWHERE.

COMMITTED UNTO GOD - through DECISION! .....

Life is a battle of the gods, and unfortunately there is no spectators' grand stand from which we can view this revalry disinterestedly. We must take a position in the struggle if we are to think, act or live. We are truly living in a world crisis, for this is a t me of decision, as the Greek word 'krisis' means. The issue is precisely that which Joshua presented to his fellow Israelites long ago: "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." In our time we must decide whether we will serve the Lord who speaks to men through the Bible, or whether we will serve the gods of man's making."

This IS a time of decision, as we all know only too well. All the news media constantly remind us that decisions of critical, world-shaking and world-shaping importance are being made every day in the capital cities of the world, in vast enterprises everywhere and in major social institutions of our time. As never before people are aware of the importance of decisions upon the course of life and history. Never were the words of John Oxenham more appropriate:

"The World is in the Valley of Decision
It is standing at the parting of the ways
Will it climb the steps of God to realm elysian
Or fall on horror of still darker days?

Will it free itself of every shameful shackle?
Will it claim the glorious freedom of the brave?
Will it lose the soul of Life in this debacle,
And sink into a mean, doshonored grave?

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
July 10, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 6 | .44 |
| Nursery | 18 | 2.24 |
| Kindergarten | 18 | 2.22 |
| First Grade | 14 | 2.35 |
| Second Grade | 12 | .55 |
| Third Grade | 10 | 1.50 |
| Fourth Grade | 15 | 2.10 |
| Fifth Grade | 8 | 2.10 |
| Sixth Grade | 9 | 2.10 |
| Seventh Grade | 8 | 1.37 |
| Eighth Grade | 11 | .95 |
| Ninth Grade | 7 | .60 |
| High School | 22 | 4.35 |
| Pairs & Spares | 14 | 4.50 |
| Young Adults | 4 | 1.30 |
| '58 Class | 25 | 9.69 |
| Berean Class | 14 | 5.00 |
| Come Double | 15 | 7.00 |
| Progressive | 34 | 16.75 |
| Friendly Class | 14 | 3.09 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 4.25 |
| Totals | 252 | $74.45 |

All the World in the Valley of Decision.
And out of it there is but one sure road;
Eyes unsealed can still foresee the mighty vision
Of a world in travail turning unto God.
All the World is in the Valley of Decision.
Who shall dare its future destiny foretell?
Will it yield its soul unto the Heavenly Vision,
Or sink despairing into its own hell?

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CHOICE IS TERRIFYING ... We may well wish it were otherwise. For decisions always come hard - if we could, we would always like to have our cake and eat it, too. As Andre Gide has put it, "All choice, when on comes to think of it, is terrifying.

--W.A. Welsh, Minister

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9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services -
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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Miss Dorothy Murphy has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 491, since last Wednesday, and was to undergo surgery on last Friday.

Mr. Truby's father is a patient in Room 322, Lutheran Hospital.

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The greatest charm of marriage, in fact that which renders it irristible to those who have once tasted it, is the duologue, the permanent conversation between two people who talk over everything and everyone till death breaks the record.
--Cyril Connolly

July 10, 1966

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | | 323 |
| Church School Attendance | | 286 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ | 2010.89 |
| Church School Offering | | 74.15 |
| U.C.F.A. | | 18.20 |
| Building Fund | | 35.10 |
| | $ | 2138.64 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 44,152.61
U.C.F.A. $ 38,123.17

## "BEAT GEORGE"

GOLF TOURNAMENT, Saturday, July 16, at 1:30 P.M. ALL men and women interested in having a final golf game with Brother George, call your reservation into the Church office. Starting time has been arranged at BROOKWOOD GOLF CLUB.

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LANDSCAPING - Have you noticed how much has been done and how beautiful it is. You can imagine how much this will add to the beauty of our church property when it is entirely finished.

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No Cause for Panic: The worst thing about the miracle of modern communications is the Pavlovian pressure it places upon everyone to communicate whenever a bell rings. When the telephone rings it must be answered, no matter whom or what it interrupts. The time may be near when refusal to answer the phone is no longer a legitimate exercise of freedom from communication, but a punishable misdemeanor, like disturbing the peace. It is already hard for many people to remember a time when they were not accessible.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## WHAT A MEMORY!

Saturday afternoon 17-18 persons came out to Brookwood for a game of golf in the BEAT GEORGE DAY, and they did just that! Of course, you know that I never could beat OLD PRO - Mike Driver, and then Ed Hall and his son Dave clobbered the preacher also! It might not appear in the papers fellows, but I'll give you some free publicity here since many asked who won and how badly everybody beat George, but Mike's 72 (even par!) and Ed's 78 and Dave's 79 were much too much for this old preacher! But, say, they tell me that Georgia has gold the year around, so maybe next year I'll have practiced up and can try again!

Seriously, it was wonderful to have the friendship and fellowship of this type of experience. I'm grateful to Bob Schubel and all who made the day possible. Then, too, as I got ready to leave Mr. Driver gave me a set of beautiful woods. I never knew my friends were so "anxious" for me to leave! Seriously, it's a memory to keep for a lifetime!

Sunday's services were well attended and Gary Hall and Sue Ann Sweeney came forward to make the good confession of faith and be baptized. Then Daryl and Sandra Pass brought their son David for the blessing of God and to dedicate themselves to bringing him up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. What a wonderful day it was!

Sunday's Sermon: "FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

**Officers Serving Sunday, July 24**

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Robert Clipp
Harold Crowder

10:30 A.M. Service -

Kenneth Edwards
Robert Chevalier

DEACONS: Captain - Merle Rice

8:15 A.M. Service -

Donald Smith
Ralph Weesner
Herdis Helmuth
Merle Rice

10:30 A.M. Service

Captain, Rufus Quinn

Charles Speicher
Vernon Moore
Hugh Bassett
Kenneth Gould
Romane Cole
James Cain
Jim Heavin
Jefferson Young

ALTERNATES:

Virgil Montgomery
Thomas Thornbury
Jack Varner
George Davis
Edward Smith
Leland Higgins
Paul Kenline
James Kirsch

DEACONESSES: July 24, 31, Aug. 7.

Mrs. Herman Weber
Mrs. Rufus Quinn

COFFEE HOUR - July

Berean Class

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"CAST YOUR BREAD UPON THE WATERS, for you will find it after many days." Eccles. 11:1.

We knew a Christian philanthropist and his wife who, many years ago, gave a large sum of money to a church related college. The purpose of the gift was to erect a much-needed building on the campus. When the depression came, the good man lost his entire fortune. He died a pauper, leaving his wife penniless. The institution which had received the donation and benefitted from his generous gift came through with a marvelous solution to her problem. She was given a place to live on the campus and a lifetime position of honor near the building which her love and generosity had helped to build. All she had was what she had given away. "Thus says the Lord ... the cruise of oil shall not fail ...." We have no way of knowing what God will do with our possessions if we will only entrust them completely into his hands. Since they already belong to him, he can multiply them far beyond our understanding. There are many ways in which God can bless us if we will only be faithful stewards of that which comes into our hands.

--Copied.

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RECORDS - by SANCTUARY CHOIR ....

The records which were made by the Sanctuary choir are now available. You may purchase one from any member of the Choir on next Sunday and on succeeding Sundays until the supply is exhausted. Or you may get your record by stopping in the church office . The price is $3.00

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
### July 17, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .62 |
| Nursery | 9 | 1.62 |
| Kindergarten | 17 | 2.08 |
| First Grade | 8 | 2.75 |
| Second Grade | 12 | .65 |
| Third Grade | 8 | .85 |
| Fourth Grade | 9 | 1.20 |
| Fifth Grade | 8 | 1.20 |
| Sixth Grade | 9 | 1.20 |
| Seventh Grade | 5 | .50 |
| Eighth Grade | 9 | 1.95 |
| Ninth Grade | 7 | 1.35 |
| High School | 14 | 3.37 |
| Pairs & Spares | 6 | 2.00 |
| Young Adults | 8 | 5.10 |
| '58 Class | 17 | 10.00 |
| Berean Class | 4 | 2.00 |
| Come Double | 17 | 10.00 |
| Progressive | 28 | 15.24 |
| Friendly Class | 14 | 3.00 |
| Men's Class | 7 | 3.25 |
| Totals | 220 | $ 69.93 |

## NOTICE!

The Naile family are moving away from Fort Wayne and would like to rent their Fort Wayne home to a responsible family, preferably one of our church families, or a friend of one of our families, whom they can recommend as possible good tenants. The house is a large seven room tri-level. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested in renting, please call Mrs. Naile, 747-3789.

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If you have no joy in your religion, there's a leak in your Christianity somewhere.

## COMMITTED UNTO GOD - THROUGH LOVE .....

**Love makes Duty a Delight ...**

A lot of sentimental nonsense is expressed on the subject of love. To be sure, love is full of strong sentiment, but Christian love is never an excessive display of overwrought feelings, devoid of reason. LOVE is a word of steel.

When Jesus said, "Love your enemies," "Love your neighbor as you love yourself," "Love one another," he was giving commands to his disciples. He did not qualify these commands. He did not go on to say, "Of course, if you do not feel like doing as I say, if you are not in the mood, I will not expect obedience." He made it perfectly clear that he did expect obedience. He expected them to base their actions, not upon their feelings but upon his feelings. They were not to please themselves. They were to please him. Jesus pleased not himself. He pleased the Father. Therefore he always met every situation in love. He loved Judas who betrayed him, and loved him to the end. He loved the men who nailed him to the cross. He said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." This does not mean he felt the same tenderness toward them as he felt for his beloved disciples. It does not mean that he even liked them. How could he havehad very much taste for those men? There are three words for love in the Greek New Testament: eros, indicating physical and aesthetic love: filio, meaning filial love; and agape, which goodwill, that will never do anything to harm another, but will go out of its way to seek to be helpful to another. This is the kind of love with which Jesus loved Judas, and even those who crucified him.

--John Paul Pack

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9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - For Infants and Children through 5 years)

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### AMONG OUR KNWON SICK

Mr. John Berlien was admitted to Parkview Hospital on the 14th. Room 419.

Mr. W. W. Bundy was in Lutheran Hospital, Room 226, on Monday for this week for check-up.

. . . . . .

My life shall touch a dozen lives
Before this day is done,
Leave countless marks of good or ill,
Ere sets the evening sun.
This, the wish I always wish,
The prayer I always pray:
Lord, may my life help other lives
It touches by the way. -- Anon.

**July 17, 1966**

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 370 |
| Church School Attendance | 220 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1528.21 |
| Church School Offering | 69.93 |
| U.C.F.A. | 13.00 |
| Building Fund | 6.00 |
| Landscape Fund | 30.00 |
| | $ 1647.14 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 44,152.61
U.C.F.A. $ 38,123.17

ATTENTION - To parents of children in our Primary Department - There are quite a number of over-due Library books. This abuses the purpose of our Library! we, who work in the Primary Department have and are working hard to promote an interest in these very books. We have some new books donated to be put into circulation and there is only one book of each title, so will you please see that your child returns all books when due or shortly thereafter so that others may have the same chance in this reading program as your child has had.

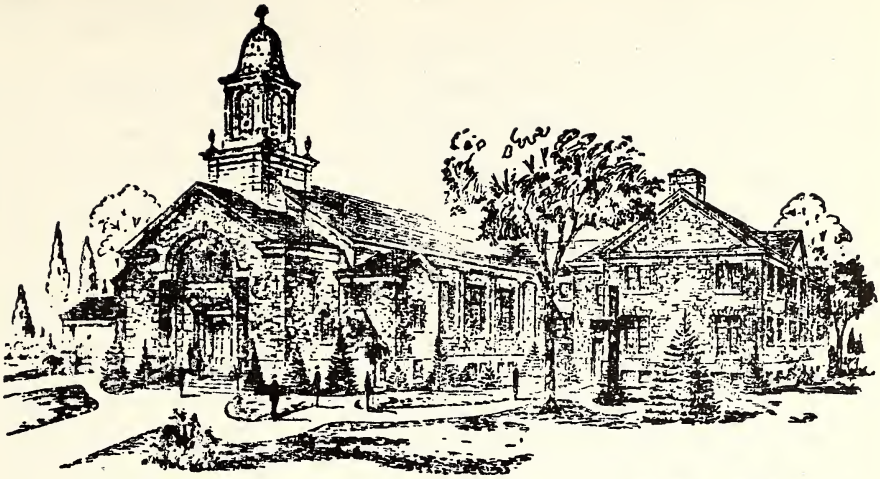
-- Primary Department Staff

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### JUST A REMINDER!!

Next Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 , is the Farewell Tea given for Brother George and Alma, and the family. This Tea will be held in Fellowship Hall and all members and friends are cordially invited.

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana.** July 28, 1966 No. 43


## OUT OF FULL HEARTS ...

This morning I should like to take this opportunity of saying, "Thank You", on behalf of the Wascovich family. Our hearts have been full to overflowing in these difficult days of preparation for the days ahead. Your letters expressing your love and understanding shall become a part of the treasured memories of our years among you. Your countless acts of generosity and kindness touch us too deeply for words. Our days among you now seem so very brief. In the stillness of many a night we have walked in your streets, and our hearts have gone out to you in so many ways. We knew you who were carrying burdens, and those among you who were exulting in new found joy. We knew your pain and were aware of your joy, and yet it was your quiet strength that gaveus dreams of larger things yet to come, and the visions of a greater fellowship, unbounded by time and space.

We ask forgiveness for the times we failed your hour of need. We ask for your prayers and your friendship in the years ahead. The coming years will bring before each of us opportunities for growth in the Christian graces. May we grasp every opportunity to grow into His likeness who for our sakes was crucified.

Let the words of Kahlil Gibran in, The Prophet, express our heartfelt sentiments. He writes: "How shall I go in peace and without sorrow? Nay, not without a wound in the spirit shall I leave this city." ..."Too many fragments of the

(Continued Page -4-)

## COMMITTED UNTO GOD - through HOPE!

Have you looked recently on George Frederick Watts' painting entitled "Hope"? If not, we suggest you seek it out, and give it a bit of earnest study. It will repay you with continuing installments of lingering truth. It depicts the harpist on whose harp every string is broken but one. That last string is "hope." After all other strings have snapped that one still stands the tension. To thrum that one yet proves the logic of the harp. The soul of the harpist demands the complete restringing of the harp. There will be "music as before, but vaster."

Watts has presented something half human and half divine. He sets the whole truth before us soundly. Out of human experience comes the word, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick." Then from the New Testament page comes the steadfast assurance, "By hope are you saved." And we live in an age that witnesses to the reality of such statements, both by tragedy and triumph.

How many harp strings have snapped in our era! Materialism, rationalism, secularism have left both soul and society stranded on shoals so barren that the sheer ghastliness of the situation could not be realized for a while. That science would save us; that genius would give us wings; that assured progress was already parked in our back yard! All these have now turned into a sort of nightmare and then vanished into dense fog.

Thank God, we are coming to ourselves. The conviction is taking strong hold on people that it is "in God we live and move and have our being."

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, July 31

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

S. E. Merriman
Glenn R. Miller

10:30 A.M. Service -

Ralph Church
E. W. Klepfer

DEACONS: Captain, Rufus Quinn

8:15 A.M. Service -

Charles Speicher
Vernon Moore
Hugh Bassett
Kenneth Gould

10:30 A.M. Service -

Thomas Thornbury
John Varner
George Davis
Edward M. Smith
Leland Higgins
Paul Kenline
James Kirsch
Virgil Montgomery

ALTERNATES

Romane Cole
James Cain
James P. Heavin
Jefferson Young

DEACONESSES: July 31, Aug. 7

Mrs. Herman Weber
Mrs. Rufus Quinn

COFFEE HOUR - July

Berean Class

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## IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympath to Paul Truby and family in the recent death of his father.

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Mrs. Hendricks P. Love is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Room 417.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

July 24, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 9 | .77 |
| Nursery | 18 | 2.38 |
| Kindergarten | 21 | 2.42 |
| First Grade | 10 | 2.80 |
| Second Grade | 13 | .58 |
| Third Grade | 10 | 1.30 |
| Fourth Grade | 13 | 2.20 |
| Fifth Grade | 10 | 2.20 |
| Sixth Grade | 10 | 2.20 |
| Seventh Grade | 5 | .55 |
| Eighth Grade | 7 | .80 |
| Ninth Grade | 9 | 1.35 |
| High School | 21 | 4.33 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 5.00 |
| Young Adults | 7 | 3.00 |
| '58 Class | 29 | 13.00 |
| Berean Class | 13 | 4.75 |
| Come Double | 21 | 8.30 |
| Progressive | 24 | 14.00 |
| Friendly Class | 20 | 4.75 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 6.00 |
| Totals | 287 | $ 82.68 |

## RECORDS - by SANCTUARY CHOIR

The records which were made by the Snactuary Choir are now availbel. You may purchase one from any member of the Choir on next Sunday and on succeeding Sundays until the supply is exhausted. Or you may get your record by stopping in the church office. The price is $3.00

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## OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING

There will be a short meeting of the Church Board immediately following the 10:30 Service in the Church Parlor, next Sunday, July 31. We will detain you only a few minutes so please be prompt. - Richard Vanderwall, Chrm.

## A GIFT FOR A LIFETIME ....

Yesterday, July 24, the congregation presented the Wascovich family with a gift of a lifetime. It was a memory never to be forgotten. Your warm friendship, your gracious wishes for success and happiness in Atlanta, your most generous gift, touched us to tears again and again. It was one of the few times in your minister's life when words just wouldn't come. Our hearts were just too full for words. It will takea lifetime of remembering just to adequately relate to such a day. To all of you, "thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the gift of yourselves and your love. You have given us a gift for a lifetime and we shall treasure every memory we have shared together."

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THANK YOU .. Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Truby wish to take this means to thank all their friends for the many comforting words of sympathy expressed during the time of their recent sorrow.

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## NOTICE!

The Naile family are moving away from Fort Wayne and would like to rent their Fort Wayne home to a responsible family, preferably one of our church families, or a friend of one of our families, whom they can recommend as possible good tenants. The house is a large seven room tri-level. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested in renting, please call Mrs. Naile, 747-3789.

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To be committed unto God is the only way upward and onward. And that is possible only through Christian hope.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 t0 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - For Infants and Children through 5 years)

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### GUEST MINISTER

Rev. Edwin R. Allender, Associate General Secretary, Association of Christian Churches, Indianapolis, will be our speaker next Sunday morning.

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### AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Sylvia Engle is a patient is Lutheran Hospital.

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### STORK NEWS

A girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Loftin. Our congratulations go to these fine folk.

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spirit have I scattered in these streets . and I cannot withdraw from them without a burden and an ache.".."Yet I cannot tarry longer .. for to stay, though the hours burn in the night, is to freeze and crystallize and be bound in a mould. Fain would I take with me all that is here. But how shall I?"

Therefore, in the words of the Great Apostle, "I now commend you to God and to His gracious Word, which has power to build you up and give you your heritage among all who are dedicated unto Him." (Acts 20:32, New English Bible.)

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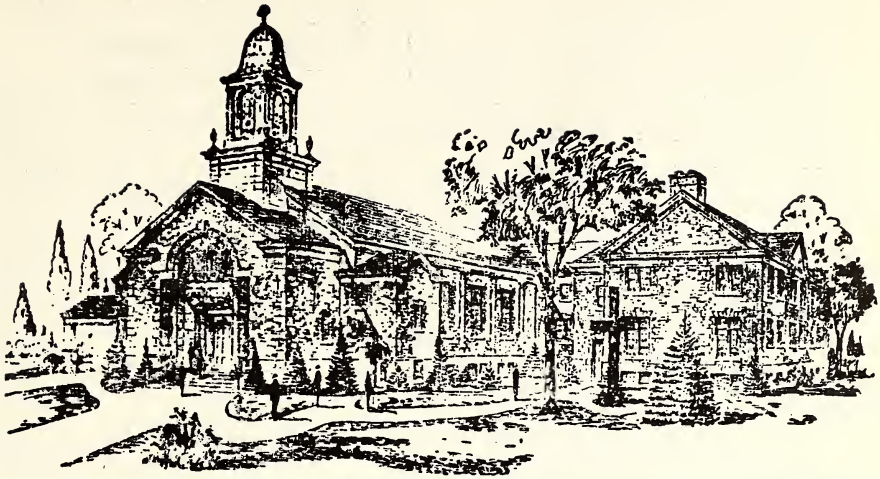
July 24, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 534 |
| Church School Attendance | 287 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1364.22 |
| Church School Offering | 82.68 |
| U.C.F.A. | 6.00 |
| Building Fund | 14.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 412.00 |
| | $ 1878.90 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ... $28,134.35

NOTE: In July (1966) $15,000 was borrowed from the Church Trust Fund and applied toward the Church Mortgage balance of $44,000. When the remaining building fund balance has been paid, the $15,000 due to the Trust Fund will be refunded by monthly payments. This action was taken on resolution of Board of Trustees and Official Board of the Church.

U.C.F.A. $28,123.17



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** August 4, 1966 No. 44

ATTENTION - FIRST CHRISTIAN MEMBERS!

ONE SERVICE ONLY beginning SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

... AT 10:30 A.M. ...

THE OFFICIAL BOARD, AT A RECENT CALLED MEETING, CAME TO A DECISION THAT WE SHOULD, FOR THE PRESENT WHILE WE ARE HAVING GUEST MINISTERS FILL OUR PULPIT, HOLD JUST ONE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE .

CHURCH SCHOOL WILL BE AT THE USUAL HOUR, 9:20 to 10:20 A.M.

Further action will be taken regarding this matter at the regular meeting of the Board in September. Therefore,

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - - ONE SERVICE ONLY!

MR. JAMES R. REED, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION, WHICH PARTICIPATES IN UNIFIED PROMOTION, INC., WILL BE OUR SPEAKER ON NEXT SUNDAY MORNING.

Let us all be in our places next Sunday morning!

COMMITTED UNTO GOD --
Through LOVE! ....
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS .....

Commitment means obedience to Jesus' command to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. This means to want for them what we want for ourselves. "Who is my neighbor?" a lawyer asked, and Jesus replied, "Your neighbor is the man on the Jericho Rd. He is the man who needs you. He is the man next to you. Now,to love my neighbor as myself may involve a risk. The Good Samaritan, for example, had no way of knowing that the robbers had fled. They might have been waiting around the next turn in the road to pounce upon him. The story reveals that he had money. If is significant that he did not say, I'd better hurry back to Jerusalem and get a guard to lead me safely down to Jericho." The Lord expects us to take a risk in loving our neighbor. He expects us to take time also. The Good Samaritan might have saved time by rendering first aid and hurrying on to Jericho with the promise to send help. He took time to do a thorough job. He bound up the fallen man's wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; he set the man on his own beast and brought him to the inn. He took care of him. This meant that he put him to bed and brought his dinner; he went shopping for some clothes, for the people who beat him had stolen all of his garments, He sat up with him during the night and attended to his needs. He did a thorough job. The story reveals that Jesus expects us to spend money, if we have it, in meeting the needs of our neighbor. The Samaritan paid the bill the next morning, saying to the innkeeper, "Whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, August 7

ELDERS:

10:30 A.M. Service

Dr. Henry Lee Butler
Solon E. Merriman

DEACONS: Rufus Quinn, Captain

10:30 A.M. Service

Leland Higgins
Paul Kenline
James Kirsch
Virgil Montgomery
Thomas Thornbury
John Varner
George Davis
Edward M. Smith

ALTERNATES:

Charles Speicher
Vernon Moore
Hugh Bassett
Kenneth Gould
Romane Cole
James Cain
James P. Heavin
Jefferson Young

DEACONESSES: August 7

Mrs. Herman Weber
Mrs. Rufus Quinn

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IN SYMPATHY

Sherman Naile, St. Paul, Indiana father of James H. Naile, died last Monday at his home. Burial was on Wednesday, from the First Christian Church in St. Paul. We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mr. Naile and his family .

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 .....
ONE SERVICE ONLY
10:30 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

July 31, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .55 |
| Nursery | 10 | 1.64 |
| Kindergarten | 13 | 1.64 |
| First Grade | 7 | 1.02 |
| Second Grade | 9 | 1.61 |
| Third Grade | 10 | 1.11 |
| Fourth Grade | 9 | 1.51 |
| Fifth Grade | 11 | 1.52 |
| Sixth Grade | 7 | 1.52 |
| Seventh Grade | 8 | 1.05 |
| Eighth Grade | 9 | 2.81 |
| Ninth Grade | 10 | 1.00 |
| High School | 18 | 3.35 |
| Pairs & Spares | 8 | 3.75 |
| Young Adults | 7 | 2.90 |
| 58 C;ass | 15 | 9.00 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 3.75 |
| Come Double | 19 | 9.00 |
| Progressive | 27 | 12.60 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 2.95 |
| Men's Class | 7 | 2.75 |
| Totals | 236 | $ 67.03 |

THE POWER OF LOVE - - Love is the only bow on life's dark cloud. It is the morning and the evening star. It shines upon the cradle of the babe, and sheds its radiance upon the silent tomb. It is the mother of art; the inspirer of poet, patriot, and philosopher. It is the air and light of every heart, the builder of every home, kindler of every fire on every hearth. It was the first to dream of immortality. It fills the world with music, for music is the voice of love.

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We must watch our step. Whether we will it or not, we cannot journey without leaving footprints, and others will follow where we go because we have marked the way. --Sunshine Magazine

NATURE'S GOD

Nature speaks a varied language of rain and sun, floods and famine, tooth and claw. It speaks a benediction in the autumn sunset, it roars its fury in the prairie tornado.

But Nature's God does not speak ambiguously. Beyond the murmur of the brook and the clap of thunder, there is yet a voice. It is the voice of God in Jesus Christ, the living Word, and it is the voice of God in a book, the Bible.

Were Jesus Christ never to have come to this earth and were the Book never given, we would be left with no key to the understanding of God or nature.

It is when we stand under the wide canopy of the sky, amid trees and hills and lakes - with the Open Book in our hands - that God discloses Himself to us. Then He becomes:

The Creater of heaven and earth
The Redeemer of fallen creation
The Comforter of all His children.

It is the Cross, not the placid lake, which opens the door to the peace of God. Strange symbol it is, to be sure, but without the Cross we would be left with no fixed clue to the great, loving heart of God.

Within this Cross, however, the great plot of the Creator-Redeemer God unfolds. He created us in His image to manage and enjoy all nature. Then came the fall, with its profound disturbance and bondage for both man and nature. Then came the Cross, with redemption and the promise of ultimate full restoration. Man and nature, both broken, were in the Cross both mended. Against the light and shadow of the Cross, we again can sing the praises of God and revel in the world He has given.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR
### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 1966

NOTE: 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - for Infants and Children through 5 years.)

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### GUEST MINISTER

Rev. James R. Reed, Executive Vice-President of the Christian Church Foundation, will be our guest minister next Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M.

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### IN SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Walter Marks and her family in the recent death of husband and father, Mr. Walter Marks. Services were held Tuesday of this week.

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July 31, 1966

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|---|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | | 281 |
| Church School Attendance | | 236 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ | 1089.71 |
| Church School Offering | | 67.03 |
| U.C.F.A. | | 9.10 |
| | $ | 1165.84 |

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| CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ... | |
| | $ 28,134.35 |
| U.C.F.A. | 28,123.17 |

### RECORDS - by SANCTUARY CHOIR

There are still records available. You may purchase yours from any member of the Choir , or get a copy from the Church office. The price is $3.00.

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### PULPIT COMMITTEE

This committee has been busy and has secured guest ministers for the several Sundays between now and the time an interim minister can be here. We have been having correspondence with one of our ministers and we hope he will decide to come and that he will be here by the 11th of September. This is our Church and in the meantime, we must all support it whenever possible with our presence on Sunday. SEE YOU EACH LORD'S DAY!

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Happiness comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile.

--W. T. Grenfell

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th .....
ONE SERVICE - 10:30 A.M.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV Fort Wayne, Indiana. August 11, 1966 No. 45

ATTENTION - FIRST CHRISTIAN MEMBERS!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ... AT 10:30 A.M.

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THE PULPIT COMMITTEE HAS CALLED REV. BARTON A. JOHNSON, OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY, TO SERVE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FORT WAYNE AS INTERIM MINISTER UNTIL WE SHALL HAVE CALLED A PERMANENT MINISTER.

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Rev. and Mrs. Johnson will be living in Woodcrest Terraces, 6024 So. Fairfield Avenue, while in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Johnson will preach his first sermon on Sunday, September 11th.

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NEXT SUNDAY WE SHALL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF HEARING MR. RUSSELL HENSLEY, INDIANAPOLIS. MR. HENSLEY IS ASSOCIATE SECRETARY FOR GENERAL SERVICES WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN INDIANA. SEE YOU NEXT LORD'S DAY!

"MEN IN MINISTRY" is the Theme of the 1966 CMF RETREATS.

These are to be held at : BARBEE September 9, 10, 11 - INDIAN LAKE September 16, 17, 18; BEDFORD September 9, 10, 11.

Registration blanks are available - Pre-registration fee is $2.00 if sent in by September 6, for Camp Barbee. Regular registration $3.00.

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SHOES FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE.
A C.M.F. PROJECT!

The CMF commission in Indiana voted to sponsor a project to collect usable men's shoes for needy people in the world.

From Mr. & Mrs. Orris Wright of Vincennes comes firtsthand information that there is a great need for men's shoes for distribution by Church World Service in their ministry to refugees and other needy people in the world. The Orris Wrights' went to Hong Kong the Philippines, and other areas to study Christian World Service and its work in needy areas. Also, early this year the Wrights' spent time in the Congo, with John and Mabel Ross , to see what was going on in Africa. They took many slides of their trips and these ara now available for Men's meetings. You may write Leon K. Weatherman, 212 S. Downey, if you would like more information.

The men are urged to clean up old shoes , have them repaired if necessary, furnish new laces, and bring them to Retreat or collect them in your Church. Add ten cents for each pair for cost of shipping. Now is the time to rid yourselves of "hurting" shoes. A CWS collecting station is located at the rear of 212 So. Downey Indianapolis.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, August 1

ELDERS:

10:30 A.M. Service

Charles Fuchshuber
Rolland Ripple

DEACONS:

10:30 A.M. Service

F.Wayne Rousseau
Carl Linn
Garland Morrolf
Dr. James Ruble
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John E. Black
Hendricks Love

ALTERNATES:

Cecil Beck
Ben Taylor
James W. Lehman
John M. Peterson
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES:

August 14,21,28

Mrs. Wm. Conrad
Mrs. Robert Rayl

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"Lord Jesus, may your character open to our view as depicted in your doctrin your miracles, your sufferings, your death, your resurrection, and your glo and then we shall not fear to put ourselves exclusively under you, as our lawgiver, our prophet, our priest and our king!

--Alexander Campbell, 1823

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Self-restraint is the flange that keep character on the track.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
August 7, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .35 |
| Nursery | 10 | 1.46 |
| Kindergarten | 5 | 1.70 |
| First Grade | 10 | 2.60 |
| Second Grade | 9 | 1.35 |
| Third Grade | 10 | 1.45 |
| Fourth Grade | 6 | 1.64 |
| Fifth Grade | 6 | 1.63 |
| Sixth Grade | 7 | 1.63 |
| Seventh Grade | 7 | .85 |
| Eighth Grade | 6 | 1.20 |
| Ninth Grade | 5 | 1.00 |
| High School | 12 | 1.50 |
| Pairs & Spares | 5 | 2.75 |
| Young Adults | 5 | 2.00 |
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| Come Double | 10 | 4.75 |
| Progressive | 25 | 14.75 |
| Friendly Class | 17 | 3.29 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 3.25 |
| Totals | 196 | $ 63.90 |

## NOTICE TO PARENTS ...
of
## PRIMARY DEPARTMENT CHILDREN

Will you please search through the books in your home for over-due Primary Church School library books. Thank you!

Primary Department Staff.

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## AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. M. W. Driver is a patient in 408 Parkview Hospital.

Barbara Hendricks will enter St. Joseph's Hospital on Thursday for a Tonsilectomy. She expects to return home on Friday.

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No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of someone else.

## COMMITTED UNTO GOD .....
through HOPE !

CHRISTIAN HOPE IS DIFFERENT -- No one can ever be really committed to God until the Christian hope becomes the dynamic of his spirit. It takes just that to beget conviction and expectation in the mind and heart of man. In some ways this world is NOT a friend to grace, to help us on to God; it tethers us down to low levels! It is without the hope that has power to save. It was because of that deficiency the old pagan world fell to pieces. And due to that lack paganism today disintegrates persons and peoples. But Christian hope is different. So distinctive and animating it is that it is one of those "gifts of God through Jesus Christ." Jesus was "different " because he spoke with authority. Christian hope is different, too, because it affirms " these things shall be." God's word and way are validated in human experience. .....

Were Tennyson alive to put contrast in to word and rhythm, he probably would say of mere man's unaided hope, it is but a "broken light " of the Christian hope. It is a wistful, shadowy yearning that trails the pattern of Christian hope made real, through Christ our Lord and Saviour. The common hope awaits the infusion of the Christian hope. When we get that way we are committed unto God. By the mercy of God, says Peter, we are born to a LIVING HOPE. The miracle of Christian experience starts operating in us when we accept Christ as LIVING SAVIOR. Such living hope spans the centuries and establishes a bridgehead on the eternal shore.

--W.A. Shullenberger

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The test of all Christian activitiy is, "Will it add to the glory of God?"

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### CHURCH CALENDAR
### SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1966

10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - for infants and children through 5 years)

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### A TRIBUTE

The loyal attendance of our Choir during these vacation days is deeply appreciated. The music last Sunday was exceptionally fine! On behalf of the congregation, the officers of the Church Board wish you to know how much we thank you for your continued loyalty and support. Your fine music is a sermon in itself.

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Do you have your copy of the Choirs' record? Have you heard it played? It is beautiful music, you know! There are records available. The price is $3.00.

**August 7, 1966**

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 243 |
| Church School Attendance | 196 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 919.05 |
| Church School Offering | 63.90 |
| U.C.F.A. | 8.00 |
| Building Fund | 9.00 |
| | $ 999.95 |

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| CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ... | |
| | $ 28,134.35 |
| U.C.F.A. | 28,123.17 |

### IN APPRECIATION

Mr. James Naile and family wish to take this means to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, and for all the many cards he received at this time of sorrow.

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### IN SYMPATHY

We extend sincere sympathy to Mr. Bethel Breeden in the recent death of his father.

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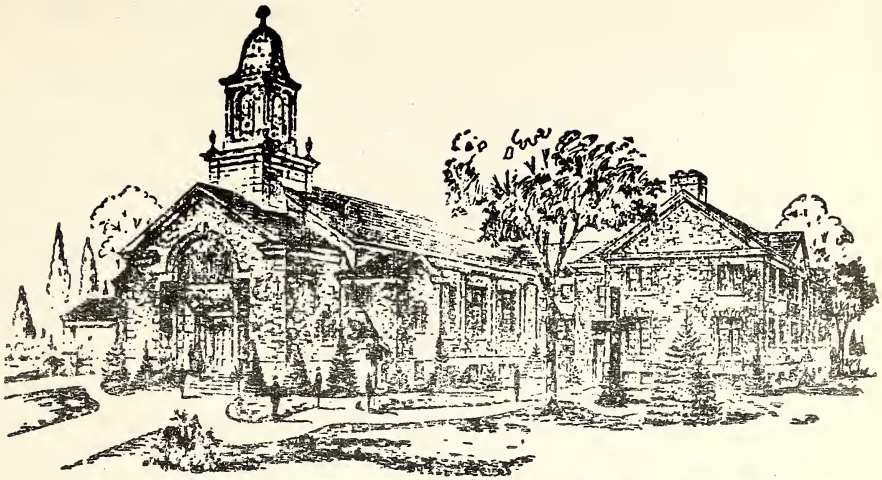
### AMONG OUR SICK

It is important that each of you keep the office informed of any known sick among our people.

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### ZIP CODES

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ATTENTION - FIRST CHRISTIAN MEMBERS!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ... at 10:30 A.M.

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A PLEA FOR PRAYERS

Every great movement in Christianity has begun on somebody's knees in prayer. Let us pray together for God to lead us that we may do our work FOR HIM. We seek to make First Christian Church even more a Christ-centered church. The spirit of prayer should be in every meeting or conference or committee we ever have in First Church. It is not essential that OVER SPOKEN PRAYERS be made but a listener should be aware that the work of Christ is being discussed. One of our continuing purposes at First Christian Church is to make every part of the church more truly Christian. The tone of voice as well as the subject matter of our discussion is important.

Let us have definite prayers for our Pulpit Committee that they may be led by the Spirit during the months ahead. Their's is an important work! They NEED our continuing prayers!

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REV. BILL L. BARNES, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AT CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, INDIANAPOLIS, WILL BE OUR SPEAKER ON AUGUST 21 and 28. at 10:30 A.M.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Six Successive Monday Evenings ...
OCTOBER 10 - NOVEMBER 14

The Christian Education Department of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne is sponsoring a School of Religion with Leadership Training Classes for all Church School Teachers plus three classes of general interest.

The Crescent Ave. EUB Church will be host to this school which will be held on Monday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30 each night.

THE COURSES TO BE TAUGHT

The Nursery Department for teachers of children under age four.
The Kindergarten Department for teachers of five year olds.
Primary for teachers of Public School children of grades 1 and 2.
Middler class for teachers of children i in grades 3 and 4;
Junior Class for teachers of children in grades 5 and 6;
Junion Hi for teachers of young people of grades 7, 8, 9:
High School Class for teachers of Senior High School, grades 10, 11 and 12.
Older Youth and Adult Class for teachers of out-of-High School Youth and Adults.

Registration forms will be available in your church by September 1st.
Plan now to attend this School.
Registration Fee - $3.00 per person
Text books will cost 75¢ or $1.00.
ANY QUESTIONS? You may call the Associated Churches, 744-4182.
Registrations should be in their office by October 1st. Each Class will be limited to 20 persons. The Teacher has the right to cancel the class if it is less than 10.

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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, Aug. 21.

ELDERS:

Dr. Henry Lee Butler
Ronald McVay

DEACONS:

Cecil Beck
Ben G. Taylor
James W. Lehman
John M. Peterson
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Edwin R. Allen

ALTERNATES:

F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
Dr. James Ruble
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John E. Black
Hendricks Love

DEACONESSES:

August 21, 28

Mrs. Wm. Conrad
Mrs. Robert Rayl

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PRESIDING OFFICER - August 21 ..

Glenn R. Miller

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"MEN IN MINISTRY" Theme of the 1966 C.M.F. RETREATS. Which will be held at: BARBEE, September 9, 10, 11. INDIAN LAKE, September 16, 17, 18. BEDFORD, September 9, 10, 11.
Registration blanks are available. Preregistration $2.00 if sent in by September 6, for Camp Barbee. Regular registration $3.00.

C.M.F. PROJECT: Men's Shoes for Refugees!

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

August 14, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 8 | 1.05 |
| Nursery | 15 | 2.02 |
| Kindergarten | 15 | 1.87 |
| First Grade | 11 | 2.20 |
| Second Grade | 8 | .50 |
| Third Grade | 6 | .95 |
| Fourth Grade | 10 | 1.62 |
| Fifth Grade | 10 | 1.61 |
| Sixth Grade | 7 | 1.62 |
| Seventh Grade | 4 | ..65 |
| Eighth Grade | 6 | .35 |
| Ninth Grade | 6 | .60 |
| High School | 9 | 2.45 |
| Pairs & Spares | 10 | 4.80 |
| Young Adults | 9 | 7.75 |
| 158 Class | 23 | 8.50 |
| Berean | 8 | 2.90 |
| Come Double | 12 | 8.00 |
| Progressive | 23 | 11.00 |
| Friendly Class | 15 | 2.70 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 3.25 |
| Totals | 221 | $ 66.55 |

OPERATION PARTNERSHIP Every Member Commitment Workshop will be held in First Christian Church, Fort Wayne on September 14 and 15 from 7 to 9 PM

The Workshop is held to assist the churches in this area who are entering into a Fall phaze of "Operation Partnership"

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Beginning SEPTEMBER 4th and continuing through the month of September, our morning worship service will be broadcast live over Station WGL at 10:30 A.M.

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You will note that the custodian has been brightening up the Church by painting all the doors. Neat!!

## INDIANA LINE OF CREDIT RALLIES

The July and September issues of the Indiana Christian featured articles on the state-wide campaign to expand the Indiana Line of Credit.

The Rally for this area will be held on Monday, September 27 at the North Christian Church, Fort Wayne. Messrs. Watkins and Allender will be our Team Rally leaders. We are asked to be represented by our Minister, Chairman of the Board; Chairmen of the following Departments and committees: Stewardship and Finance, World Outreach, CMF and CWF Presidents; Chrm. Trustees; and the chairman of the local "Line of Credit committee. and all other key leaders and interested persons.

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## WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD

I had certain general principles governing my ministry that might be expressed as follows: I will meet my problems courageously, leaving the results of my labors as matters between God and me, rather than between the people and me; consequently I shall always try to be contented ... I will keep alive in my heart the desire to live in the spirit of Christ, but sometimes I will do wrong, offending Christ and others by word or conduct or both; consequently I shall try never to be ashamed of repentance toward God and apologies toward others.

--Peter Ainslie, 1917

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The man who uses Sunday only to sleep, to loaf around the house, to read secular papers, to do a few odd jobs needing attention, and to take a joyride places a mighty small valuation upon, NOT THE CHURCH, but his own soul.

Mr. & Mrs. James Naile
5324 Kyle Rd.
Fort Wayne, Ind. 46807

5125 Sadlier Dr
Lawrence, Ind.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1966

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9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK!

Mr. Elmer Darwachter has been a patient in Veterans Hospital since last Friday. He is in 4-West, Room 738.

**August 14, 1966**

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 244 |
| Church School Attendance | 221 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 934.40 |
| Church School Offering | 66.55 |
| Building Fund | 22.00 |
| | $ 1022.95 |

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CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 28,134.35
U.C.F.A. 28,123.17

## OVERSEAS BROADCAST

The following is The WKJG Stations outline of their special overseas broadcast for Christmas to enable families and relatives to broadcast to loved one overseas.

These greetings will be transcribed in our studios, 2633 West State Blvd. Fort Wayne, Indiana on Sunday, September 11th from 1:00 to 3:30 P.M.

Our area is scheduled from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M.

We would like to have you contact the persons in your church or of acquaintance who have loved ones stationed overseas, outside the Original 48 States, on Land, or on Board Ships at Sea, including Alaska and Hawaii. This is for all branches of the Military Service. There are letters of instructions in the Office which will tell you how to prepare your messages, etc. Please notify the Church office or WKJG if you are interested in this project, and we will send you a copy of the instructions.

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COME TO CHURCH SCHOOL ...
RAIN OR SHINE .....
OBSERVE THE LORD'S DAY.....



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OPERATION PARTNERSHIP - WORKSHOP

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FORT WAYNE, SEPTEMBER 14 & 15, 7 to 9 P.M.

This is a program of intensive training for those who will be involved in our Every Member Commitment Program this Fall.

Our annual Every Member Commitment Program this year has these goals:

1) To secure sufficient funds - estimates of our members intentions, to give to Christ through First Christian Church for the year beginning January 1, 1967.

2) To enlist our people in definite commitment to specific tasks in this congregation.

3) To urge our members at the request of Christ to do what our Lord Himself has asked His followers to do - partake of the Lord's Supper.

We follow the practice of the apostles themselves from the earliest days of our holy faith to observe the sacrament every Lord's Day.

These are goals that challenge us to greatness, calling out of us the best we know.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ... at 10:30 A. M.

Rev. Bill L. Barnes, Indianapolis, Guest Minister.

Presiding Officer - Hugh D. Rice

The SOUTHVIEW CHRISTIAN Church at Warsaw, Road 15 South, will celebrate their 10th anniversary with a special service at 2:30 P.M. on Sunday, September 11. Rev. G. Lavon Fisher, minister of First Christian Church at Marion will speak. Dr. John Harms and Rev. Edwin Allender will represent the Association of Christian Churches in Indiana. A special invitation has been extended to the congregations of our churches in District One. Members of our congregation are invited. David Harker, Minister.

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THE EMILY E. FLINN HOME, Marion will have their 30th Annual Meeting and Fellowship Day on Sunday, September 11, at 3:30 P.M. EST. JAMES C. SUGGS, Director of the Office of Interpretation of the International Convention of Christian Churches will be the speaker. There will be special music from the Noblesville Church Choir. Refreshments will be served and a conducted tour of the Home is on the afternoon agenda. Members of First Christian and friends are cordially invited . The home is located at 615 West 12th Street.

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CHORAL RECORDS

The Records made by our Sanctuary Choir are still available at $3.00 per record. Get yours from any member of our Choir.

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JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS: ...

It has been suggested that our Junior Choir (youth from 3 to 6 grade) rehearse on Tuesdays at 4:15 P.M. at the church this next season. Mr. Wetzel would like to have the parents' comments on this proposal.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday Aug. 28

ELDERS:

Harold Crowder
Fred Smell

DEACONS:

Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John Black
Hendricks Love
Cecil Beck
Ben Taylor
James Lehman
John Peterson

ALTERNATES

F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
Dr. James Ruble
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Edwin Allen

DEACONESSES: August 28

Mrs. Wm. Conrad
Mrs. Robert Rayl

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IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Ruth Stee whose son was fatally injured in an automobile accident this last week. We pray that she will be sustained a comforted in these days of great sor

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Appreciation: Mrs. M. W. Driver wishes to say "thank You" to every who has visited her or sent her get-w greetings and notes during her long in the hospital.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
August 21, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .35 |
| Nursery | 14 | 1.66 |
| Kindergarten | 13 | 1.19 |
| First Grade | 9 | 1.90 |
| Second Grade | 6 | 1.46 |
| Third Grade | 7 | .90 |
| Fourth Grade | 9 | 1.85 |
| Fifth Grade | 9 | 1.85 |
| Sixth Grade | 6 | 1.85 |
| Seventh Grade | 6 | .50 |
| Eighth Grade | 7 | .74 |
| Ninth Grade | 4 | .25 |
| High School | 22 | 1.75 |
| Pairs & Spares | 7 | 3.50 |
| Young Adults | 4 | 2.75 |
| '58 Class | 15 | 6.50 |
| Berean | 16 | 4.75 |
| Come Double | 9 | 6.00 |
| Progressive | 23 | 17.00 |
| Friendly Class | 20 | 4.20 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 3.25 |
| Totals | 217 | $ 64.20 |

Another note of appreciation: Mary Love wishes to express her appreciation for the lovely memories that are hers, coming from the joy and thoughtfulness given her during her recent hospitalization. May the Lord bless one and all.

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THINK: It's a little thing to do, just to think. Anyone, no matter who, ought to think. Take a little time each day, from the minutes thrown away, spare it from your work or play, stop and think! You will find that men who fail do not think Men who find themselves in jail to not think. Half the trouble that we see, trouble brewed for you and me, probably would never be, if we'd think! Shall we journey hit-or-miss, or shall we think? Let's not go along by guess, but rather to ourselves confess it would help us more or less if we'd think!

COMMITTED UNTO GOD - through Decision:

A Time for Personal Decision!

The most important decisions being made today, as always, are not really those which have to do with "enterprises of great pith and moment". The ultimately determinative decisions are the personal ones being made by millions of individuals all over the world. It is this aspect of our "time of decision" which is most important. And the fundamental personal decision is simply that which Jushua put to the people of Israel three millennia ago: "Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:14, 15) Or, as Jesus put it in the Sermon on the Mount: "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24)

Which will it be for you and your house God or mammon? That is the finally important decision of our time. Upon that decision hangs the future of our world; upon that decision hangs the future of your own individual souls. Today, in the thermonuclear age, with Marxian communism rampant in the world, we are inevitably confronted with the necessity for making a decision. Christianity or communism, God or gold, Christ or chaos. -W. A. Welsh.

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 244 |
| Church School Attendance | 217 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 853.21 |
| Church Schoo | 64.20 |
| Building Fund | 1.00 |
| | 918.41 |
| CHURCH MO | E ... |
| | 134.35 |
| U. C. F. A. | 123.17 |




## CHURCH CALENDAR
## SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1966

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services - for infants and children through 5 years)

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## ZIP CODES

Members and friends out of the city, who would like to continue receiving the Tidings, please send us your Zip Code number. New Postal regulations make zip code numbers on mail a MUST.

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## IN APPRECIATION

Mrs. Walter Marks and family wish to take this means to thank everyone for their kindness and expressions of sympathy. And for all the many cards we received at this time of great sorrow.

-- Laura Marks.

## OVERSEAS BROADCAST

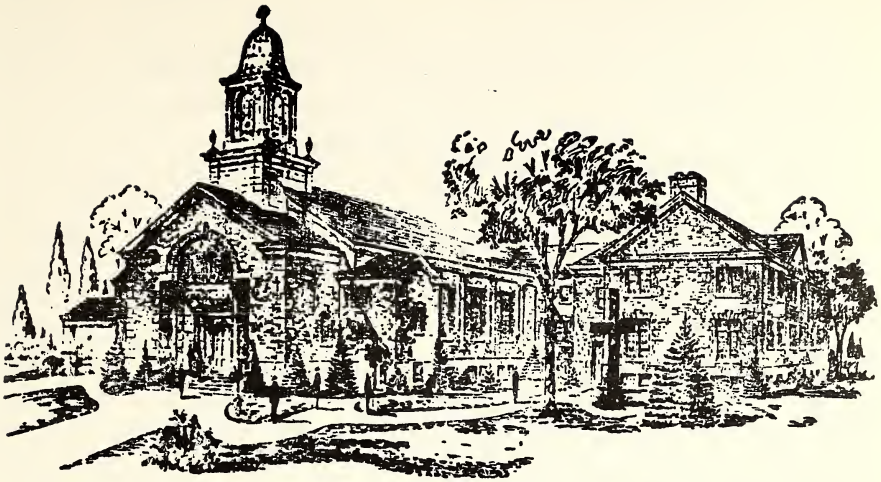
Station WKJG will transcribe greetings for their special Overseas Broadcast at Christmas, in their studies, 2633 West State Blvd, Fort Wayne on Sunday, September 11 from 1:00 to 3:30 P.M. Our area is scheduled from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. There are letters of instructions in the church office which will tell you how to prepare your messages. Please notify the Church office or WKJG if you are interested in having them transcribe a message for you. Remember the day and time: September 11, from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M.

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Beginning SEPTEMBER 4th and continuing throughout the month of September, our morning worship service will be Broadcast live over Radio Station WGL at 10:30 A.M.

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Dwight E. Flowers, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flowers, will return to Fort Wayne August 28, after two years as a Peace Corp volunteer in Cumana, Venezuela. He will be a Peace Corp Instructor in San Francisco, California from September 15 to December 20.




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## WE WORK, BUT WHY?

THE planting and harvesting of crops, the organizing and maintaining of governments, the producing and distribution of goods - all is the network of man's work. WORK can be drudgery or it can be adventure. Tell your ten-year-old daughter to go upstairs and clean her room. Threaten her that if she does not do so she cannot go to the party. The room may get cleaned after a fashion, but she will drag herself around like a resentful slave. But tell her that her daddy will be in on the next train, and suggest that she surprise and please him by having her room spic and span. You have given her work wings, the wings of an idea or vision, and the next hour can be for her an exciting adventure.

FROM the smallest chores that you do as an individual to the most staggering task we face as a civilization, the same principle holds true. We fail, not for want of skills or resources, but for want of a vision or a faith. Small or great, any work to be significant must flow from a faith. The most troublesome question of our age is not how to keep civilization going; almost any sober student of history can give good answers to that question. There is another question: WHY keep it going? For want of an adequate answer to that question, the will is paralyzed.

OUR Christian Faith gives both vision and power for the answer. It declares that we, created and redeemed to be a people of God, have the towering assignment in all we do to glorify and serve God. Moreover, it assigns us to have dominion over the earth. Within this commission, ever honorable work can take on the exciting sweep of labor for the Lord.

Dr. Merrill Cadwell, UCMS, Guest Minister, September 4.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. George Bruckman, 3729 South Drive, Tuesday, September 6 at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. George Duncan; Worship by Mrs. H.G.Helmuth.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Scott, 1617 Edgewater Av. Tuesday, September 6 at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Charles Dilts; Worship by Mrs. W.H.Imbody.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Helen Clymore, 5210 Buell Drive Thursday, September 1, at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Clymore; Worship by Mrs. Chas. Fuchshuber.

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S.O.S. Persons who wish to serve The Church through working with Young People, Please call the Church Office.

There is a real need for dedicated people to work with YOUTH in this department of the Church School!

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ZIP CODES

Our sincere thanks go out to those who have responded to this call so promptly. Those who have delayed, please drop a card today so that we may have your Zip Code on file.

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REMINDERS!

The annual meeting at the Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion, September 11, at 3:30 P.M. JAMES C. SUGGS, Director of the office of Interpretation of the International Convention will be the speaker.

ALSO - The 10th Anniversary celebration of SOUTHVIEW CHURCH at Warsaw. September 11 at 2:30 P.M. Rev. G. Lavon Fisher, minister of First Christian Church, Marion, will speak.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
Officers Serving Sunday, Sept. 4

ELDERS:
Glenn R. Miller
Ralph Church

DEACONS:
Captain - Paul Truby
Lawrence Horn
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Robert Urich
E.M. O'Laughlin
Leon Johns
Herbert Banet
Paul Yentes

ALTERNATES:
Frank M. Moody
Le Roy Timbrook
Herman Weber
Robert Schubel
Donald C. Smith
Ralph Weesner
Herdis Helmuth
Merle Rice

DEACONESSES:
September 4 - 11 - 18
Mrs. Robert Ogles
Mrs. Wm. Crouse

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OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING

Which would normally have been held on Tuesday, September 6, has been POSTPONED until Tuesday, September 13, at 8 P.M. at which time we will have our adinterim minister with us. Board members will be notified by mail

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GUEST MINISTER

Dr. Merrill Cadwell, Executive Secretary, Church Development, U.C.M.S. Indianapolis, will be our speaker next Sunday at 10:30 A.M. The Service will be broadcast over Radio Station WGL.

Mr. R.M.Vanderwall will preside.

## COMMITTED UNTO GOD .... through Love!

LOVE ONE ANOTHER! Commitment means obedience to Jesus' command to "love one another ! A new commandment I give, that you love one another, even as I have loved you." Our first duty as Christians is to love one another. In this way Jesus said we would make clear to the world that he came from God, and that we are his disciples. The church is the showcase of Christianity. There is supposed to be something about the way we treat one another which gains the attention and arouses the interest of the world. And without that love, our preaching and teaching falls on deaf ears. It is our business to create here a fellowship in which men see the living Christ. That's why we're here.

Christians do not go to church simply for what they can get out of it. They go because of what they can give to it. They unite with the church; worship and work in the church; attend its services. They see to it that every stranger feels at home, every unfortunate member feels the love of Christ, every sick member is remembered, every confused member receives counsel, every home of sorrow receives comfort, every child is taught, every young person encouraged and guided, every older person receives a blessing, every member of the church has his need met in the love of the living Christ. People will not love a church that offers them the opportunity for nothing more than to listen to someone preach a sermon. We all love the church in which there is fellowship.

In Christ we are bound in a bundle of life. We are wrapped up in one another, loving one another, rejoicing with those that rejoice and weeping with that weep. --John Paul Pack.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

August 28, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 6 | .73 |
| Nursery | 14 | 1.72 |
| Kindergarten | 17 | 1.91 |
| First Grade | 8 | 1.50 |
| Second Grade | 9 | .75 |
| Third Grade | 9 | 1.45 |
| Fourth Grade | 14 | 1.76 |
| Fifth Grade | 9 | 1.76 |
| Sixth Grade | 6 | 1.76 |
| Seventh Grade | 6 | 1.20 |
| Eighth Grade | 8 | 1.10 |
| Ninth Grade | 5 | .25 |
| High School | 12 | 2.01 |
| Pairs & Spares | 3 | 2.00 |
| Young Adults | 13 | 3.42 |
| '58 Class | 20 | 8.00 |
| Berean | 21 | 6.87 |
| Come Double | 21 | 9.08 |
| Progressive | 32 | 15.50 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 4.35 |
| Men's Class | 7 | 3.50 |
| Totals | 249 | $ 70.62 |

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Since last week- the following have been reported:

Mrs. Warren Webster, Lutheran Hospital Room 418.

Dale Parkerson, Parkview, Room 517.

J. O. Malsbury, Parkview, Room 504

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"The basis of any tolerable society - from the small society of the family up to the great society of the State - depends upon its members' learning to love. By that I do not mean sentimentality or possessive emotion. I mean the stead recognition of others' uniqueness and a sustained intention to seek their good. In this, freedom and charity go hand in hand and they both have to be learned. --Adlai E. Stevenson

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 10:30 A.M. WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE OVER RADIO STATION WGL.

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CHOIRS REHEARSALS: Will begin on Thursday, September 8, at 7:45 P.M. HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR will practice on Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 P.M.

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Records made by our Sanctuary Choir are still available at $3.00 per record. Get yours from any member of our Choir.

August 28, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 287 |
| Church School Attendance | 249 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1135,52 |
| Church School Offering | 70.62 |
| Building Fund | 2.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 27.50 |
| | $ 1235.64 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$28, 134.35
U.C.F.A. 28, 123.17

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It has been suggested that our Junior Choir rehearse on Tuesdays at 4:15 P.M. at the church, this next season. Mr. Wm Wetzel would like to have the parents' comments on this proposal.

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"Hold the circle above close to your face and blow on it. If the circle turns Yellow, see your physician. If it turns brown, see your dentist. If it turns purple, see your psychiatrist. If it turns red, see your lawyer and make a will.

If it remains the same color, you are in good health, and there is no reason on earth why you should NOT be in church this coming Sunday morning.

--Copied

Presiding Officer, September 4th
Richard M. Vanderwall, Chairman
Official Board




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** September 8, 1966 No. 49


## A WORD OF GREETING

We, the Barton A. Johnsons come back to Fort Wayne with mixed feelings. We look forward to renewing ties with many friends whom we have cherished through the years. Some of our dear friends of yester years have moved upward to the church triumphant. How we shall miss them! But we rejoice in their joy and security and freedom from pain.

We also look forward to becoming acquainted with the second and the third generations of the old stalwarts. You have some very high traditions to which to measure up.

You are already well knit into the church. Do you realize that we are the newcomers? Will you please help us to get to know you better by introducing yourself, and by reminding us to whom you are related? Would you like to put yourself in our shoes? Mrs. Johnson is quick on the up-take, but her husband is a bit slower to catch on. So, .... will you please be a bit patient, and repeat your name until it sinks into the preacher's mind?

As some of you know, we retired from the Madison Avenue Christian Church, at Covington, Kentucky at the end of twenty years of service there (1945-1965). Then we took a trip. It was a wonderful experience. We were called at San Fernando, California, to return to First Christian Church, Danville, Kentucky

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CHURCH CALENDAR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1966

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services - for infants and children through 5 years.)

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CHOIR REHEARSALS: Sanctuary Choir Thursday, September 8, at 7:45 PM

HIGH SCHOOL - Thursday, September 8th, at 6:30 P.M.

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The records made by our Choirs are still available at $3.00 per record. Get one from any member of the Choir.

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S.O.S. Persons who wish to serve the church through working with young people, please call the Church office. There is a real need here for dedicated workers in this department of the Church School.

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to serve as interim there. That interim was from February 1st, to August 14th, 1966. It was a very happy experience. We made other friends whom we shall also cherish.

We are looking forward with joy to serving as your interim minister. In any case where the minister may be helpful, please call upon us.

Asking for your prayers and your cooperation in each department, we are,

Most sincerely yours,

The Barton A. Johnsons,
interim Ministers.

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Sunday's Sermon: "WHAT IS MAN?"
Scripture - Psalm 8; the text Psalm 8:4.

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September 4, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 209 |
| Church School Attendance | 229 |
| Regular Church Offering | 662.02 |
| Church School Offering | 72.76 |
| Building Fund | 4.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 6.00 |
| | $ 744.78 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 27,063.30
U.C.F.A. 28,123.17

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 10:30 A.M. WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE OVER RADI STATION WGL.

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Be in Church and Church School each Sunday morning.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** September 15, 1966 No. 50


## FROM WHERE WE SAT!

Sunday, September 11, was a moving experience for us, the Johnsons. It is a joy and a rare privilege to be invited back after 28 years to serve as interim minister. May I share my impressions with you?

There was a large responsive congregation present to worship. We saw and greeted many long-time friends. Of course, we missed many who had endeared themselves to us.

We appreciated the gracious introduction by Mr. Floyd Morrical, the chairman of the Pulpit Supply Committee. When we were here previosuly, I used to torment him by calling him, "my bad boy". It is a great joy to see him accepting responsible leadership in First Church.

We are deeply grateful for the splendid music. Such music just does not happen! Mr. Wetzel is giving skillful leadership. We were delighted to see so many young people in the choir. Also, we are glad to see so many men! From where we sat, we heard the congregation joining in the singing of hymns.

We met many, many new friends at the Coffee Hour. (By the way, that, too, was a delightful experience! Thank you!) This is as it ought to be, because our Lord would have us grow. We observed how much at home these new friends felt.

We had many experiences associated with our old building, which was at Fairfield and Jefferson. But we rejoice with you in this beautiful new church. We can guess that a very great deal of hard work, planning, vision, and most sacrificial

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NEW CHURCH SCHOOL ...

Officers and teachers recently appointed, and who will serve this new season:

Nursery - Mrs. Thos Thornbury
Beginner's Church - Mrs. Wm. Schilling
Primary Church - Mrs. Terry King, Jr
Junior Church - co-sponsors, temporarily: John Thompson and Wm. Wilson.
C.Y.F. Ross Nierman, Wm. Wilson and John Thompson.

These departments will begin their programs on Sunday, October 2.

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TWO WORSHIP SERVICES ...

At the Board meeting this week, it was voted to begin our two morning worship services, 8:15 and 10:30 A.M. Sunday, October 2, 1966. This is a fitting time as it is WORLD WIDE COMMUNICN SUNDAY.

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TELEPHONE!! 440-2341

The Rev. Johnsons' new telephone number is: 440-2341. Mark this on your calendars for reference.

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LAUBACH TEACHERS URGENTLY NEEDED - The Laubach Literacy Council of Fort Wayne has scheduled a fall workshop for training volunteer teachers in the Laubach Method of Teaching reading and writing to adults. This fifth workshop will be held in the Chapel Lounge of First Presbyterian Church on Sept. 19, 20 and 26, from 9:00 to 12:00 A.M. Anyone interested in teaching, regardless of previous teaching experience, is invited to enroll. For further questions contact Mrs. Mac A. Fuelber, 747-5933 or Mrs. Earl Johns, 744-5265.

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

September 11, 1966

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 7 | .50 |
| Nursery | 21 | 1.65 |
| Kindergarten | 18 | 1.56 |
| First Grade | 13 | 2.90 |
| Second Grade | 11 | 2.80 |
| Third Grade | 9 | 1.55 |
| Fourth Grade | 14 | 2.35 |
| Fifth Grade | 11 | 2.35 |
| Sixth Grade | 9 | 2.37 |
| Seventh Grade | 7 | .75 |
| Eighth Grade | 9 | 1.20 |
| Ninth Grade | 13 | 1.90 |
| High School | 13 | 2.80 |
| Pairs & Spares | 8 | 3.50 |
| Young Adults | 4 | 1.65 |
| '58 Class | 23 | 11.25 |
| Berean | 17 | 5.75 |
| Come Double | 17 | 8.75 |
| Progressive | 20 | 14.15 |
| Friendly Class | 15 | 3.64 |
| Men's Class | 11 | 7.50 |
| Totals | 274 | $ 80.87 |

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Monthly Meeting

The CWF general meeting will be held Tuesday evening, September 20 at 8:00 PM in Church Parlor. Program, " The Radiant Young" by Nelson Group; Worship, Higdon Group; Mrs. Charles Dare will bring a report from the 1966 Quadrennial. During the business we will present and adopt the budget. Hostesses, Fellowship Guild; Refreshments will be served by the Montgomery Group. This is the 11th birthday of World CWF. Please plan to come and bring others with you.

The President would like to meet with all group leaders in the chapel at 7:40 P.M. for a short meeting.

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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday Sept. 18

LDERS:

William Franklin
C. Bueford Tharp

EACONS:

Captain - Paul Truby

Frank Moody
Le Roy Timbrook
Herman Weber
Robert Schubel
Lawrence Horn
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Robert Urich

LTERNATES

Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John L. Clark
Arthur Mowery
E. M. O'Laughlin
Leon Johns
Herbert Banet
Paul Yentes

EACONESSES:

September 18
Mrs. Robert Ogles
Mrs. Wm. Crouse

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AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Harry Imbody, is a patient in Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Laura Sherer is in Parkview for tests.

Mrs. Ethel Busch is in Lutheran Hospital, Room 338.

STORK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones are the parents of a new baby born last week at Lutheran Hospital.

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SEPTEMBER 23 - 28
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
DALLAS, TEXAS

"ADVENTURES IN FELLOWSHIP"

"Adventures in Fellowship" is a marvelous way to get acquainted. Rev. and Mrs. Johnson would like you as their guests in the Church Parlor, promptly at 3 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. on the five Sundays listed below. This is for the adult membership only. Three Elders and their wives will extend hospitalities each meeting and the Christian Women's Fellowship will serve at the table.

Be sure to be on time when your turn comes and remember this is not a reception - but an "Adventure in Fellowship".....

September 25 - 3 to 4:30 all whose names begin with A and B.
Evening - 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. "C's"

October 2 - 3 to 4:30 , D, E, F, G
Evening - 7:30 to 9:00 PM. H, I, J, K

October 9 - 3 to 4:30, L. M.
Evening - 7:30 to 9:00 PM. N, O, P, Q

October 16 - 3 to 4:30 PM R.S.
Evening 7:30 to 9:00 T.U.V.

October 23 District Convention in our Church. There will be no "Adventure in Fellowship" that day.

October 30 Resume - 3 to 4:30 P.M.
- W, X, Y, Z
Evening 7:30 to 9:00 PM. All who haven't been able to attend previously.

If because of working hours and you cannot come on your day or evening, feel free to shift your time.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and plan to come for fun, fellowship and inspiration.

It is so good to be back home again. We shall look forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones.

--Vivian L. Johnson

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A UNION CHURCH meeting will be at Calvary Presbyterian Church on the evening of September 22nd, 7:30 P.M.

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9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services - for infants and children through 5 years)

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CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir, Thursdays at 7:45
High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

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WEDDING BELLS

The members of First Christian wish to take this means to express sincere good wishes and congratulations to Wanda Ann Ingmire and Thomas Ingmire on their recent marriage. We wish them every happiness in the years ahead.

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Also, our sincere congratulations and good wishes go to Ralph and Diane Friemuth on their recent marriage.

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giving entered into the process of relocating the church and financing it. Others have labored faithfully, and all of us are entering into their labors.

We observe, too, how the debt has been reduced upon the building. Also, we are proud of your missionary giving. It is worthy.

You people, and Rev. George Wascovich have accomplished a very great deal by remaining loyal to Christ. The Lord bless you.

Mrs. Johnson and I appreciated so very much the beautiful flowers that graced the Sanctuary last Sunday.

---Barton A. Johnson

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September 11, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 307 |
| Church School Attendance | 274 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1451.91 |
| Church School Offering | 80.87 |
| Building Fund | 2.00 |
| Landscaping | 410.00 |
| | $ 1944.78 |

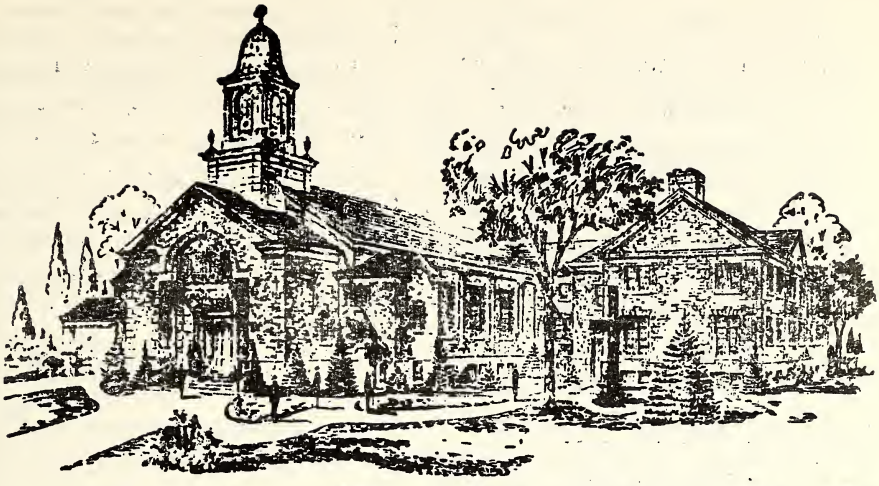
CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 27,063.30
U.C.F.A. 28,123.17

50th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Boschet are celebrating their 50th anniversary on September 24 in a service of re-marriage in the Church Chapel, at 4:30 P.M. Friends are cordially invited to attend.

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The members of this Church wish to express our sincere good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Boschet, on this happy occasion.




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## "EASTER IN THE FALL"

Sunday October 2 will be "the Easter in the Fall." Upon October 2, First Church will resume TWO services, 8:15 and 10:30 A.M.

At Easter, people break their necks to be in Church. There is a deep urge with in their souls to put first things first. Why not in the Fall?

What an opportunity WORLD-WIDE COMMUNICN SUNDAY offers every Christian! It is a clear, ringing appe al to surround the Lord's Table, and to re-affirm one's personal commitment to Christ. All around the world Christian of all religious bodies are uniting to rally their members. Surely we want to sieze this wonderful opportunity.

Will you please plan to bring your entire family, and sit together. And, will you please bring your friends?

## HYMN SINGING ENCOURAGED

We welcome and encourage the participation of every worshipper in singing the hymns. We appreciate the leadership of the Choirs. But our objective is to involve every person in worship.

Hymns are not "fillers". They are not incidental. They express the Gospel. They help to teach the Christian message. They evoke a Christian response. You do not have to be a trained singer, to sing hymns. It does require that you love the Lord, that you are reverent, and are responsive. What if you are unable to sing? Will you please focus your mind and s oul upon the Christian message being conveyed? You want to share in worship to your fullest capacity, don't you? "Let those refuse to sing, who never knew their Lord ...." Please sing.

## NOW-LANDSCAPING - NOW !!!!

The plantings are looking better every day the contractor works, and the trees will be going in soon BUT we still are $800 short on our goal. Our goal and the contract price must be met quickly! Please turn in your landscaping contributions to Mrs. Vaught, or place in the special landscape envelopes THIS Sunday.

--- The Landscape Committee

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September 18, 1966

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| Church Worship Attendance | 304 |
| Church School Attendance | 262 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1427.77 |
| Church School Offering | 77.14 |
| Building Fund | 5.00 |
| | $ 1509.91 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE .. $27,063.30

U.C.F.A. $28,123.17

## 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Boschet cordially invite the members of the church to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next Saturday ,September 24. They will participate in a service of re-marriage at 4:30 P.M in the chapel. Brother John Williams will hear them repeat their wedding vows.

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Once more: Rev. and Mrs. Johnson's address is - 6014 So. Fairfield Avenue Apt. "D" and their telephone number is: 440-2341.

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It is not just as we take it,
This mystical world of ours,
Life's field will yield as we make it
A harvest of thorns or of flowers.

--Anon.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting is being called for Sunday morning, October 2, at which time the members will appoint two people who will serve on the 1966 Nominating Committee.

Also, the new Constitution and By-laws recently re-written, will be presented to the congregation for ratification.

This is your formal notice of this important meeting.

--R.M.Vanderwall, Chr.

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday Sept. 25.

ELDERS:

David Hogg
Dr. Henry Lee Butler

DEACONS:

Captain - Rufus Quinn, 748-8985
Charles Speicher
Vernon Moore
Hugh Bassett
Kenneth Gould
Romane Cole
James Cain
James P. Heavin
A. Jefferson Young

ALTERNATES:

Leland Higgins
Paul Kenline
James Kirsch
Virgil Montgomery
Donald C. Smith
Ralph Weesner
Herdis Helmuth
Merle Rice

DEACONESSES:

September 25, October 2 - 9.

Mrs. William Love
Mrs. Ralph Church

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The Lord loveth a cheerful giver - also a grateful receiver.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
September 18, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .50 |
| Nursery | 15 | 2.20 |
| Kindergarten | 21 | 1.87 |
| First Grade | 14 | 3.25 |
| Second Grade | 11 | 2.60 |
| Third Grade | 11 | 1.60 |
| Fourth Grade | 13 | 2.57 |
| Fifth Grade | 13 | 2.57 |
| Sixth Grade | 9 | 2.57 |
| Seventh Grade | 6 | .50 |
| Eighth Grade | 13 | 2.65 |
| Ninth Grade | 11 | 1.05 |
| High School | 14 | 1.70 |
| Pairs & Spares | 12 | 7.00 |
| Young Adults | 3 | 1.75 |
| '58 Class | 18 | 10.95 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 3.25 |
| Come Double | 17 | 8.25 |
| Progressive | 22 | 12.90 |
| Friendly | 17 | 4.56 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 2.75 |
| Totals | 262 | $77.14 |

LIFE IS A JOURNEY and not a home; a road, not a city of habitation. And the enjoyments and blessings we have along the way are but little inns on the road side, where we may be refreshed for a moment, that we may with new strength press on to the goal. You will meet today many men or women; they will have their day brightened or darkened by the tone and manner of your greeting. You can put a little more spring into the step and a little more joy into the heart of them by a cheerful, confidential salutation. Every worthwhile accomplishment has its stages of drudgery and triumph; a beginning, a struggle, and a victory. Lives are made up of chapters, and we can write a new chapter with each new day.

--Phillips Brooks

YOUR "ADVENTURES IN FELLOWSHIP" Starts Sunday September 25. It is important that all members and friends whose names begin with "A & B" be in the Church Parlor at 3 P.M. The "C's" come at 7:30 PM. sharp.

The Elders and Officers of the Church, with their wives or husbands, will be Host and Hostess at these meetings. The Groups of the CWF are serving light refreshments. The Dye and Montgomery Groups (Mrs. Wm. Crouse & Mrs. Paul Yentes) are serving this Sunday.

Host and Hostesses this Sunday afternoon are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schubel, Membership chrm., Mrs. Owen Vaught, Church Clerk-Secy; Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Vanderwall, Chrm. of the Board; Mr & Mrs. Walter Birkhold, Dr. & Mrs. Henry Butler, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp.

At 7:30 PM. Mr. & Mrs. Myron Cole; Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Church, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chevalier, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Birkhold, Mrs. Owen Vaught, Church Clerk-Secy and Mr. Robert Schubel, Membership Chairman.

Come for love, sociability and inspiration.

--Vivian Johnson.

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Laura Sherer, 309 Parkview

Mrs. W. Harry Imbody, Parkview

Kelly Dickey (Child) 649 Parkview Hospital for surgery Sept. 19th.

Mrs. Ethel Busch, 338 Lutheran Hospital

Mrs. Chas. Fuchshuber, ill at her home 508 Lavina St.

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH - who are ill.

Mrs. Moody Hopkins, in Bluffton Clinic for surgery.

Mrs. Lenore McKinney, Moellering Unit, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Luther Childers (mother of Mrs. Gene Auer) suffered a painful accident at home.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1966

ONE SERVICE: 10:30 A.M. Worship
9:20 to 10:30 A.M: -Church School
(Nursery for all Services - for infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir, Thursdays at 7:45
High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

ATTENTION: Parents of High School choir members: Bill Wetzel would like to meet all the parents of High School youth in the Church Parlor immediately following the morning service this coming Sunday to discuss plans for the coming year for our High School choir.

JUNIOR Choir will rehearse on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 P.M. until further notice. This includes youth from 3-6 grades.

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TWO SERVICES 8:15 - 10:30 A.M.
BEGINNING OCTOBER 2, 1966

PROMOTION IN CHURCH SCHOOL . . .
Sunday, September 25, - 9:20 A.M.

Parents, children and teachers look forward to Promotion Sunday. Miss Mildred Hartman, Church School Supt., has arranged an assembly in Fellowship Hall. All are cordially invited to attend at 9:20 AM. Please come on time! We expect a large, enthusiastic attendance; and the Church school classes/departments expect to redouble their efforts to draw persons into a learning-fellowship experience.

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES TO RESUME

The Official Board voted to resume TWO (2) services of worship as of Sunday, October 2, at 8:15 and 10:30 A.M. These services are planned in order to enable more persons to attend worship. We earnestly seek your conscientious cooperation.

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OBSERVATION regarding Official Board.

This observer was proud of the Board September 13. There was a large, representative attendance. The reports were to the point, sharing vital information. The atmosphere was warm and positive. It began on time and concluded its business promptly.

NOTICED THE LANDSCAPING?

Isn't our landscaping an improvement? Doesn't it suggest that we care? It adds like good grooming. Thank you.

Barton A. Johnson, Minister

Sermon Subject, September 25 --
A LEADER IS ALSO A FOLLOWER"

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PROMOTIONS

Sunday school promotions will be made during the Sunday school hour in Fellowship Hall. Members of congregation are welcome, but all adult classes will run as usual, except the Berean and '58 Classes.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Volume XXIV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** September 29, 1966 No. 52

## "EASTER IN THE FALL!"

Does 'Easter in the Fall' sound unreasonable? It is not if we are concerned about every disciple re-affirming his life-long allegiance to Christ Jesus, as Lord. It is not unreasonable if we are concerned with the opportunity presented to rally all persons in the church, the church school, to rally everyone with any sense of religious need, or love for Christ.

What is World-wide Communion Sunday? It began many years ago with the Presbyterians. The late Dr. Jesse M. Bader, Disciple leader was quick to see the tremendou possibilities for good in World-wide Communion Sunday. Our Church, the Christian Church(Disciples of Christ), with our historic weekly observance of the Lord's Suppe joined whole-heartedly in this movement. Other major Protestant bodies united in the appeal to their members.

Christian people around the world make it a matter of privilege and an expression of consecration to attend church on Easter Sunday. Their notivation is far deeper than to display new clothes, or anything superficial. Worshippers come to church in amazing numbers because worship meets the deepest needs of their hearts.

Sunday, October 2, First Christian Church, by vote of the Official Board , will resume TWO (2) services of worship - 8:15 and 10:30 A.M. Two services will double the effort required from many of us. These services will be more than worth the increased efforts if our membership and friends rise to match the challenge. It will provide two opportunities for worship, and also afford ample seating. Would you like

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE group will meet with Mrs. Max Finkhousen, 4110 Lillie St. Tuesday, October 4, at 9:00 AM. Program by Mrs. Rex Meadows; Worship, Mrs. A N. Shockney.

The McGAVRAN group will meet with Mrs. Henry Butler, 1600 Randalia Dr. Tuesday, October 4, at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Neil Allen; Worship, Mrs. Hugh Rice.

The DYE group will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake, on October 5, Wednesday, at 1:30 PM. Program, Mrs. Earl Fusselman; Worship, Mrs. Thomas Wunderlich.

The SPICE group will meet with Mrs. Melvin Foster, 4103 S Calhoun St. Wednesday, October 5, at 9:00 AM. Program by Mrs. David Hogg; Worship, Mrs. Hendricks Love.

The HIGDON group will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington Thursday, October 6 at 7:45 PM. Program , Mrs. W. J. Williams, Worship, Mrs. Arthur Mowery.

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RUMMAGE SALE - October 28 -29.

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## STORK NEWS

Baby girl born to Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Chapman, September 21.

Laurie Glenn, born to Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Jones, September 7.

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Mark Baker, two week old son of Mr. & Mrs. David Baker, 229-1/2 Center St. (Friends of the Church) is in St. Joseph's hospital, having undergone recent surgery.

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Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Boschet wishes to thank every one for their cards of good wishes and congratulations, at the time of their 50th wedding anniversary.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving Sunday, Oct. 2.

ELDERS:

First Service - 8:15 A.M.

Albert Powell

David Hogg

10:30 Service -

William Love

Robert Clipp

DEACONS: Captain - Rufus Quinn

8:15 A.M. Service -

Charles Speicher

Vernon Moore

Hugh Bassett

Kenneth Gould

10:30 A.M Service -

Thomas Thornbury

John Varner

George Davis

Edward M. Smith

Leland Higgins

Paul Kenline

James Kirsch

Virgil Montgomery

DEACONESSES: October 2, 9.

Mrs. William Love

Mrs. Ralph Church

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. John Roush and son, Steven, are patients in Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Roush is in Room M-222, and Steven is on West Fourth.

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Promotions Continued:

Seventh Grade: Barbara Love

Eighth Grade: Richard Hendricks, Susa Love, Bruce Finkhousen.

Ninth Grade: Barbara Hendricks, Bob Finkhousen.

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OCTOBER 2 - Beginner's Church, Primary Church, Junior Church and CH Rho will begin their new Fall Season.

The three Children's Church programs will be at 10:30 A.M. Chi Rho at 5 PM

"ADVENTURES IN FELLOWSHIP" ...

Sunday, September 25, was a "larnin' day" We learned that one of our members was born in Puckerbrush, Ohio. We heard of courtships that would out-do some of the TV shows of today. The afternoon was graced by the presence of Mrs. Norval Gorham, 93 yrs. of age. Our minds went back to the days we served First Christian, when Mrs. Gorham the Kover's, the Frame's, the Durfee's, Mom & Pop Coar ... I could go on and on naming those we have loved and lost awhile.

"What a fellowship
What a joy divine."

The D.E.F.G. Group will be with us Sunday, October 2, at 3 PM. Should your name begin with some other letter and you can 'catch a ride' with some of Sunday's group, feel free to come. We are watching for all of you. Remember, this is "Your Adventure."

At 7:30 PM, Oct. 2, the H.I.J.K. group will be together.

The Elders, Officer and Wives sering as host and hostesses are:
3 PM. Mrs. Edna Vaught, Mr. Robt. Schubel, Mr. & Mrs. W.C Glass, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Franklin, and Mr. & Mrs. David Hogg.
7:30 PM. Host and Hostesses: Mrs. Edna Vaught, Mr. Schubel, Mr. & Mrs. E.W Klepfer, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Edwards. The Spice Group of CWF will be in charge of the tea table. --Vivian Johnson

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THANK YOU NOTES!

Mrs. W. Harry Imbody wishes to take this means to thank all her friends in the church for the cards, good wishes, calls and other kindnesses shown during her illness.

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
September 25, 1966

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 6 | .45 |
| Nursery | 15 | 1.00 |
| Kindergarten | 21 | 2.52 |
| First Grade | 13 | 3.21 |
| Second Grade | 14 | 2.25 |
| Third Grade | 12 | 1.66 |
| Fourth Grade | 14 | 2.41 |
| Fifth Grade | 10 | 2.41 |
| Sixth Grade | 11 | 2.41 |
| Seventh Grade | 7 | .70 |
| Eighth Grade | 11 | 1.85 |
| Ninth Grade | 11 | 1.15 |
| High School | 14 | 4.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 4 | 3.00 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 1.50 |
| '58 Class | 10 | 9.00 |
| Berean Class | 8 | 4.25 |
| Come Double | 19 | 8.00 |
| Progressive Class | 21 | 10.50 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 4.29 |
| Men's Class | 4 | 1.75 |
| Totals | 243 | $ 68.31 |

CHURCH SCHOOL - PROMOTION DAY
September 25, 1966

A total of 27 pins were given out last Sunday during the promotion day services to the following children and youth:

Nursery: Brenda Morrolf, Beatrice Travis, Gary Morrolf
Kindergarten: Nancy Hendricks, Barbara Finkhousen.
First Grade: Rebecca Travis, Darlene Morrolf, Mark Williams.
Second Grade: Kurt Schryver, Kenneth Taylor.
Third Grade: Mark Lehman, Mike O'Laughlin, Treva Travis, Julia Hendricks
Fourth Grade: Barbara Taylor, Debbie Nordblom.
Fifth Grade: Carolyn Hendricks, John Williams.
Sixth Grade: Jimmy Taylor, Barbara Moody.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1966

8:15 A.M.& 10:30 A.M. -Morning Worship
9:20 A M. to 10:20 A.M. -Church School
(Nursery for all Services - for infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary Choir, Thursdays at 7:45 PM
High School - Thursdays at 6L30 PM
Junior Choir - Tuesdays at 4:00 PM

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CHI RHO - Beginning October 2, at 5:00 P.M. at the Church

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Leaders: C.Y.F. Ross Nierman and Marvin Crouse
Chi Rho Leader - Mrs. H.P. Love

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BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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TWO SERVICES - BEGINNING - OCTOBER 2, 8:15 and 10:30 A.M.

DEACONS will meet Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 7:00 PM. prior to Official Board meeting.

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to attend the first service?

World-wide Communion Sunday, October 2nd, 'the Easter in the Fall' is a serious challenge to every Christian to put lesser things aside, to come to the Lord's Table to re-affirm his personal covenant of allegiance to Jesus Christ, as Lord, as he affirmed it in His baptism.

When Martin Luther felt tempted, he repeated to himself:"I have been baptized." (He meant he had committeed himself once for all;that his baptismal covenant outranked all else) Our Lord put His requirement for faithful discipleship in this unforgettable way:"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God."

Sunday's Sermon: "CHRISTIAN CONDUCT IN THE CHURCH".

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September 25, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 282 |
| Church School Attendance | 243 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1019.28 |
| Church School Offering | 68.77 |
| Building Fund | 106.00 |
| Landscaping | 25.75 |
| U.C.F.A | 9.00 |
| | $ 1228.80 |

CALLED MEETING - Congregation - for Sunday, October 2, at which time two will be selected from the members to serve on the 1966 Nominating Committee. And, the new re-written By-laws will be read for ratification.

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PROGRESSIVE CLASS ... will have their semi-annual picnic on Sunday, October 9, at Shoaff Park. All are asked to bring a meat dish and a passing dish. Dinner will be at 5:00 PM. Come early and enjoy the fun and fellowship. And bring your table service. please.




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## A "QUICKIE" REPORT ON THE DALLAS CONVENTION

The interim minister is grateful for the privilege of attending the Dallas International Convention, September 23-28. Due to having arrived in the city on September 7; and because First Church was "on the air" during September, he had not planned to attend. By flying, he was enabled to fulfill his obligations on September 25, and to return to Fort Wayne for Thursday. Thank you for saving much time and energy.

The attendance at Dallas was excellent, over 10,000 persons registered. The addresses were of high caliber. Much business was transacted. President Stephen England, long-time Dean of Phillips Seminary, was a courteous and also an excellent presiding officer.

The Convention voted to adopt "the delegate" form of Convention. Kentucky has had a delegate Convention for the past 5 or 6 years. It has worked well.

The "design" for "restructure" was "received" (not adopted), and all the States and all the Churches were urged to study it carefully and make a response. The revised plan for "restructure" will then be submitted to the next International Convention to meet in St. Louis, 1967. This will provide a year for study, before adoption may be considered.

Church Union was discussed thoughtfully. The churches are urged to study a small book which contains the thinking to date. It was agreed that "union" will require more study and will require ten to fifteen years.

Sunday's Sermon: "LIKE LIVING STONES" I Peter 2: 1-17

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana on Monday , October 10, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Worship, Mrs. Wm. Conrad.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Kenneth Hunt, 2824 Genesse Tuesday, October 11 at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Paul Yentes; Worship by Mrs. James Knight. ****

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Hendricks, 325 French Ave., on Wednesday, October 12, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Robert Beachley and Mrs. Jack Sauerwein; Worship by Mrs. Harold Crowder.

****The Montgomery Group will have a Viviane Woodard Cosmetic Party, No sales, just to discuss skin problems. If you can come on October 11, call Mrs. Paul Yentes, 747-3613. This is an opportunity for a project for the Montgomery group.

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RUMMAGE SALE October 28 -29.

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## PERSONALS

The interim minister heard excellent reports concerning three marriages performed long ago: Earl Beyerlein and Billy Redmon have been happily married since 1938. They were in Church September 11, having driven down from Waukesha, Wisconsin. Both had been active in First Christian. Earl was the very effective sponsor of CYF.

Mrs. Ida Mae England reminded Mr. Johnson that they were married by him in 1936. And, a couple residing in Montpelier Ohio phoned Friday night to report that they were married by him, Christmas, 1936, and remain happy.

## ADVENTURES IN FELLOWSHIP .....

Did you know...that one of our Elders finished Common School at 11 years of age, finished High School at 15 years of age, and by 17 he was putting himself thru College?

Did you know ... that three of our Sundyas Adventurers were from Tippicanoe County?

Did you know ... that three had real Miami Indian traditions in their backgroiund .....Do you really know the members of First Christian Church?

The Adventures in Fellowship are get-acquainted hours. If you have missed, please come in any Sunday save October 23rd. (District Convention in our Church) Hurry, Hurry - don't miss this special fellowship.

October 9 at 3 P.M. those whose names begin with L and M. and at 7:30 the N.O.P.Q group.

Host and Hostesses are - 3 P.M.:Mr. & Mrs. William Love, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Morrical, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald McVay, Miss Mildred Hartman, Mrs. Edna M. Vaught , Secy-Clerk, Mr. Robert Schubel, Membership Chairman.

7:30 P.M. Mr. & Mrs. Albert J. Powell, Mr. & Mrs. S.E. Merriman, Mr. & Mrs. B.W. Leversee, Mrs. Edna Vaught.

The Nelson group members of CWF will serve refreshments.

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## IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Jefferson Young in the recent deathof a brother at Payne, Ohio. Burial was this week.

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## NOTES

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Edwards, members of Danville, Ky. Church were in Services on Sunday, September 25. They were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Green.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, Oct. 9

ELDERS:

First Service - 8:15 A.M.

S.E. Merriman
Harold Crowder

10:30 A.M. Service

William Franklin
Ronald McVay

DEACONS: Captain - Rufus Quinn

8:15 A.M. Service

Romane Cole
James Cain
James Heavin
A. Jefferson Young

10:30 A.M. Service -

Leland Higgins,
Paul Kenline
James Kirsch
Virgil Montgomery
Charles Speicher
Vernon Moore
Hugh Bassett
Kenneth Gould

DEACONESSES: October 9

Mrs. William Love
Mrs. Ralph Church

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Ralph Reynolds is a patient in Room 703, St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. James (Helen) Cain had surgery on Monday, October 3. She is in Rm 415, Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Fuchshuber reports progress is being made by his wife, Alyce.

Mrs. Norval Gorham, one time member of First Church broke her hip as a result of a fall. She is at Parkview Hospital. She attended "Adventures in Fellowship" September 25.

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The Rev. B. H. Bruner, long-time minister in our Brotherhood, died on September 19, at Indianapolis.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

October 2, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .40 |
| Nursery | 11 | 1.31 |
| Kindergarten | 10 | 2.90 |
| First Grade | 14 | 1.49 |
| Second Grade | 12 | 2.60 |
| Third Grade | 9 | 1.00 |
| Fourth Grade | 13 | 3.04 |
| Fifth Grade | 14 | 3.04 |
| Sixth Grade | 15 | 3.04 |
| Seventh Grade | 7 | 1.59 |
| Eighth Grade | 8 | 1.65 |
| Ninth Grade | 11 | .75 |
| High School | 19 | 3.55 |
| Pairs & Spares | 3 | 2.00 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 14 | 9.00 |
| Berean | 15 | 4.25 |
| Come Double | 23 | 10.55 |
| Progressive | 34 | 16.15 |
| Ladies | 13 | 2.00 |
| Men's Class | 7 | 3.00 |
| | 257 | $ 75.34 |

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

10:30 A.M. Sunday

Beginner Church - Mrs. Wm. Schilling Sponsor

Primary Church - Mrs. Terry King.

Junior Church - William Wilson and John Thompson,

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BOYS SCOUTS - 7:00 P.M. Fridays

The Charter for our Scouts and our Explorer Post have been received by the Anthony Wayne Council Office. The Council will present these formally at The 10:30 A.M. Service October 16.

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CYF will meet at the Church this Sunday evening at 5:00 P.M.

Sponsors: Ross Nierman and Marvin Crouse.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1966

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES RESUMED!

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 - Church School
(Nursery for all Services - for Infants and children through 5 years.

Two (2) services of Worship were resumed Sunday, October 2. The attendance at 8:15 AM was 76, and at the 10:30 A.M. service it was 233, for a total of 309, which is an increase of 27 over September 25. This is a step in the right direction. But we are able to do much better, are we not? LET'S DO IT NEXT SUNDAY!

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary Choir, Thursdays, 7:45 P.M.
High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

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Congratulations to the new Chi Rho Officers: Susan Love, President; Stephanie Foster, V-President; Debbie Allen, Secretary; Barbara Love, Treasurer

October 2, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 307 |
| Church School Attendance | 257 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1527.85 |
| Church School Offering | 75.34 |
| Building Fund | 62.00 |
| Landscaping | 19.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 8 00 |
| | $ 1692.23 |

AT THE CALLED MEETING of the Congregation on last Sunday morning, the congregation approved the new re-written Constitution and By-laws.
Also, two were selected from the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee: Mrs. Wm. R. Love and Glenn R. Miller; the two previously appointed from the Board were: Walter Birkhold and George Bruckman.

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The PROGRESSIVE CLASS will hold their picnic on next Sunday October 9, at Shoaff Park. All are asked to bring a meat dish, a passing dish, and their own table service. Dinner will be at 5:00 PM Come early and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The C.M.F. will have their first meeting of the Fall season on Saturday morning, October 15; Breakfast at 7:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Major Davis of the Salvation Army will be the speaker. All men of the Church are cordially invited to come.

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Chi Rho 's new officers will hold a Candlelight Installation on next Sunday evening, October 9, at their regular hour.




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## CONCERNING AN 'INTERIM' MINISTRY

You have called us to serve as 'interim' minister, so that the program of the First Christian Church may move steadily forward; so that the flock will not stray away; so that all who are responsive to Christ's invitation may attend worship, and grow in the knowledge and the love of God.

His presence allows the Pulpit Supply Committee more time, not under pressure, to seek your permanent minister.

The worship services are being held as scheduled.

Visits are being made upon those who are reported ill, and upon the prospective members. We depend upon your cooperation. We also plan to visit the 'home-bound' as soon as possible, considering other on-going responsibilities and the distances involved.

The Church provides the 'interim' minister to the end that he may visit the bereaved and conduct funerals upon request.

He will unite persons in Christian marriage upon request. He urges persons considering marriage to phone the secretary, Mrs. Edna Vaught, 744-3239; and also strongly urges them to phone the minister for an appointment and also for a personal conference in the church office before the proposed date. Marriage ought not to be entered into lightly.

If you are ill, or know of any member/friend who is in the hospital, will you please telephone the Church secretary, 744-3239, reporting this important fact. You call your physician. Why not phone your minister?

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Meeting

The CWF's of the three churches in the city are having an annual Joint meeting on October 18, at 8 P.M. at the North Christian Church, Camden and Essex in Northcrest. Our CWF is responsible for the program of the evening, the theme, "The Bible in Fort Wayne Homes and Schools". Worship by members of West Creighton CWF. Our Executive will meet for a short business session at 7:30 at North Christian. Let us have a fine Group out from First. See you then?

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The Christian Men's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, October 15, at 7:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. Major Davis of Salvation Army will be the speaker.

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## NOTES

PARENTS OF PRIMARY children who are taking over the leadership of the Primary Church are invited to come and observe before they are scheduled to serve as leader, if they so wish.

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CONGRATULATIONS! ....

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, will celebrate their 60th Wedding anniversary on October 17. Mr. Egly's birthday is October 16 and Mrs. Egly's birthday is October 18. Would like to send greetings to this splendid couple. Their address is: 1927 No. Wells St.

Mr. Egly is in Bluffton Clinic. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Rice will visit her mother, Mrs. George Ripple in Winnetka, Illinois, this week-end. Mrs. Ripple is 89, and has been ill.

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SUNDAY'S SERMON .....

"THIS CHURCH NEEDS A MINISTER"

CWF: October 18 at North Christian Church. Mrs. Dayton Musselman, formerly teacher of Week-day Religious Education with Associated Churches and Miss Mildred Hartman will present the program.

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Sincere thanks from Ralph H. Reynolds to Rev. Johnson and other members for their calls while his was in the hospital. Mr. Reynolds is now at home.

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Mr. Robert Donohue is seriously ill in Lutheran Hospital, Room 122. Please send cards or phone his wife.

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Congratulations - Jarrette Scott Brown was born October 2, 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brown, 9322 Illinois Rd.

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Mrs. Waunita Dusing is a patient in Parkview Hospital, Room 742.

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Miss Linda Ashton placed her membership with this church this last Sunday October 9. She was immersed by Rev. Johnson. We wish to extend cordial welcome to Linda.

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Many friends remember Mrs. Maude Dinius. Her grandson, John Paul Barcey, Carothersville, Missouir, is studying in Paris on a musical scholarship. 270 possible students applied. John Paul was one of 5 to receive the scholarship. Hearty congratulations. His parents are Mr. & Mrs. Dale Bracey. (nee Esther Broxon).

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A preacher, therefore, should work to please God and not the people.

J. Whitcomb Brougher

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, October 16 -

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service

Richard Vanderwall

Ralph Church

10:30 A.M. Service -

Charles Fuchshuber

Hugh Rice

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service

Cecil Beck

Ben G. Taylor

James W. Lehman

John M. Peterson

10:30 A.M. Service -

F. Wayne Rousseau

Carl D. Linn

Garland Morrolf

Dr. James Ruble

Delmas Young

Charles Ludwig

John E. Black

Hendricks P. Love

DEACONESSES: October 16, 23, 30

Mrs. Harold Nordblom

Mrs. Earl Plummer

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## A PREACHER'S PROBLEM

It is difficult for a preacher to please his congregation. If he is scholarly, he preaches over the heads of the people. If he uses simple words, he is not educated. If he takes up-to-date topics, he is sensational. If he does not draw a crowd, he is a failure. If he gesticulates, he is too dramatic. If he stands perfectly still he is too dignified & cold. If he proclaim Judgment & Hell, he is trying to frighten people. If he preaches love, he is a mollycoddle. If he is executive & organizer, he is an autocrat. If he isn't these, he is under the thumb of some rich member. If he is congenial & belongs to clubs, he is worldly. If he is retiring, he is not a good mixer. (Page -2-

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

| October 9, 1966 | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 6 | .27 |
| Nursery | 8 | .96 |
| Kindergarten | 12 | 2.40 |
| First Grade | 14 | 3.00 |
| Second Grade | 13 | 2.10 |
| Third Grade | 10 | .80 |
| Fourth Grade | 10 | 3.02 |
| Fifth Grade | 14 | 3.02 |
| Sixth Grade | 15 | 3.02 |
| Seventh Grade | 12 | ..93 |
| Eighth Grade | 8 | 1.85 |
| Ninth Grade | 12 | 1.45 |
| High School | 25 | 4.45 |
| Pairs & Spares | 6 | 4.00 |
| Young Adults | 3 | 1.70 |
| '58 Class | 19 | 10.50 |
| Berean Class | 17 | 7.00 |
| Come Double | 20 | 10.00 |
| Progressive | 27 | 15.50 |
| Friendly | 15 | 3.29 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 2.80 |
| | 272 | $ 82.06 |

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## THE WEEK OF THE MINISTRY

October 9-16 has been designated as the Week of the Ministry. Are you interested in the attitudes, the duties, the relationships which enable your minister to serve acceptably? What misunderstandings have plagued both the minister and the church? What are the agreed upon functions he performs?

There is a real shortage of ministers. The Church needs to challenge its ablest young men to consider giving his life to Christ as a minister.

First Christian needs a permanent minister to succeed the Rev. George Wascovich. We have an interim minister who is serving the church until your new permanent minister has been called. This arrangement gives the Pulpit Committee more time for careful consideration.

May we see you in Church October 16?

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1966

8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Worship

9:20 to 10:20 - Church School

(Nursery for all Services - for infants and children through 5 years.)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary Choir, Thursday, 7:45 PM

High School - Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Junior Choir -

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Chi Rho - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

Boy Scouts - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

The Charters for our Boy Scout Troop and Explorers Post will be present at the 10:30 Service on Sunday, October 16. . . . . .

BEGINNER CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 AM

PRIMARY CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 A.M.

May we appeal to you as a Christian to attend Church School; and also to attend worship regularly, reverently. In as much as the work of Christ is going forward, will you please remember First Christian, and the 'interim' minister in your prayers?

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October 9, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 355 |
| Church School Attendance | 272 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1534.20 |
| Church School Offering | 82.05 |
| Building Fund | 3.00 |
| | $ 1619.25 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 25,987.34

ADVENTURES IN FELLOWSHIP

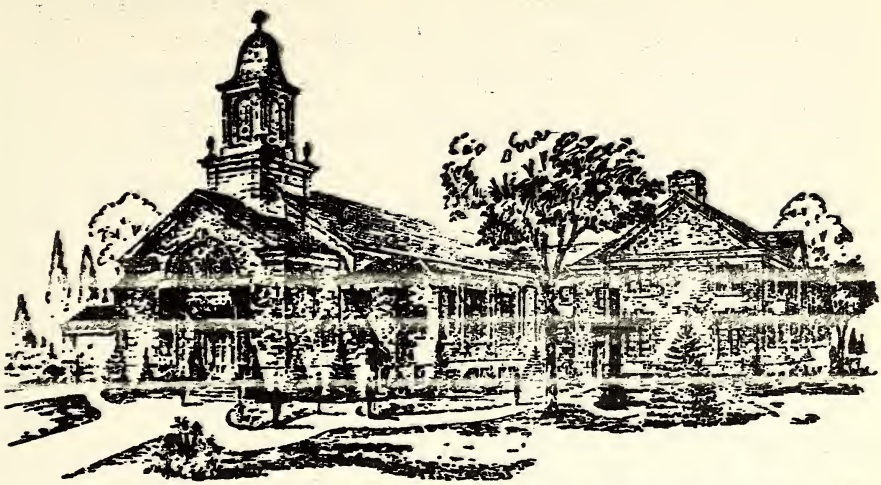
Haven't we been having a good time "getting to know you?" These fall days are the days when we should be putting the Church into our daily program.

Mr. Johnson and I are anxious that all of you have the experiences of our Adventures in Fellowship.

October 16, your host and hostesses at 3 P.M. will be Mr. & Mrs. Al. Schell, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Rice, Mr. Robert Schubel, Membership Chairman and Mrs. Edna Vaught, your secretary and clerk.

At 7:30 P.M. Mr. & Mrs. Bueford Tharp, Mr. & Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Mr. & Mrs. J. Frederic Smell, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Vanderwall, Mrs. Edna Vaught. The members of Fellowship Guild of CWF will serve light refreshments. "The more we get together, the happier we'll be.

Vivian Johnson



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## AREA CHRISTIAN CHURCHES TO MEET

Members of District One of the Association of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana will convene at the First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, Sunday October 23 at 2:30 PM. The district comprises of Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Noble, Steuben and Whitley Counties.

"Led By The Spirit" will be the convention theme. Rev. Barton A. Johnson will be host minister. The Rev. Kenneth Seeley, of Central Christian Church Kalamazoo, Michigan, will speak on "Brotherhood Restructure." The Rev. Edwin R. Allender, Associate general secretary and State office representative for District One, will lead a forum on "Cperation Partnership." Dr. Beauford A. Norris, president of Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, will speak on "Responsible Stewardship". The Rev. Joseph G. Wick, of First Christian Church, Lafayette, will speak at the dinner on the subject, "Led By The Spirit -in rebuilding Our World." Mr. Robert E. Cocherille will sing during the dinner hour.

Youth of the district will meet during the afternoon at the West Creighton Christian Church but will move to First Christian at the dinner hour where they will conduct the evening worship service. The West Creighton Bell Choir will be featured. Mrs. Vincent Well is District Director of Youth Work. Bill Conrad is District Youth President.

At a business session, members for State committees will be nominated, and 1967 District Convention officers will be elected. The 1966 officers are: Mrs. Owen Vaught, First Christian, Fort Wayne, president; Rev. John Coil of

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ADVENTURES IN FELLOWSHIP ....

Did you know...that you have to go through Beanblossom to get to Rabbit Hatch? Did you know ...that some of our couples were born, one at the north end of town and the other at the South end of town and yet they got together, married and came half way across town to tell us about it?

Did you know...that First Christian's parlor has become a meeting place to have an "old-fashioned" visit and a real adventure in fellowship?

Have you missed your turn? We are so sorry - We will skip the 23rd because of the District Convention being held in our Church. Our last "adventure" will be at 3:00 PM on the 30th of Oct. We have seen fit to close these wonderful experiences with that session which will include W, X, Y, Z, and all those who have been unable to attend. Out of the church's membership, some 220 have had this wonderful fellowship. Mark your calendar for October 30 at 3 P.M. Details in next week's Tidings.

-- Vivian L. Johnson

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PERSONALS: Mrs. John A. Johnson is attending the Advisory Board meeting of Hazel Green Academy this week-end.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Birkhold are on a brief trip to Covington and Danville Kentucky, and will visit at Hazel Green Academy.

Barton A. Johnson was elected president of the Cotner Alumni Association at Dallas. Congratulations!

Julie Quinn has been chosen DAR Best Citizen at Snider High School. Congratulations, Julie!

Parents of Primary children are urged to attend a Primary Church Service before they are scheduled to serve as leader.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, October 23

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Floyd E. Morrical
George R. Bruckman

10:30 A.M. Service -
Robert R. Chevalier
Kenneth L. Edwards

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
Dr. James Ruble

10:30 A.M. Service -
Cecil Beck
Ben G. Taylor
James W. Lehman
John M. Peterson
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Edwin R. Allen

DEACONESSES - October 23, 30
Mrs. Harold Nordblom
Mrs. Earl Plummer

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BOY SCOUTS RE-CHARTERED

Mr. Arthur Wedler, District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts presented the up-to-date Charter to our Scout troops, October 16. He was assisted by Mr. Fred Smell, our Institutional Representative.

We appreciate the excellent good manners of our Scouts. "A Scout is reverent". Their behavior reflects credit upon their parents and their leaders. Par ticularly, we appreciate the number of men who are giving personal interest and leadership to the Scout program. Without their interest and support, First Church could not have a Scout program.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

October 16, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .41 |
| Nursery | 11 | 1.11 |
| Kindergarten | 14 | 1.97 |
| First Grade | 9 | 2.83 |
| Second Grade | 15 | 3.85 |
| Third Grade | 11 | 1.15 |
| Fourth Grade | 12 | 3.07 |
| Fifth Grade | 15 | 3.07 |
| Sixth Grade | 15 | 3.07 |
| Seventh Grade | 8 | 1.65 |
| Eighth Grade | 8 | 1.65 |
| Ninth Grade | 12 | 1.57 |
| High School | 26 | 5.05 |
| Pairs & Spares | 5 | 3.00 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 17 | 12.00 |
| Berean | 14 | 9.50 |
| Come Double | 21 | 12.00 |
| Progressive | 23 | 11.00 |
| Friendly Class | 17 | 2.90 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 4.25 |
| Totals | 266 | $ 86.10 |

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On next Tuesday, October 25, our C. W.F. will make a trip to Marion to visit the folk in the Emily Flinn Home. We will leave the church just after 12 Noon. If you need transportation, let us know so we can make the arrangements for you to go. The Groups are reminded to get their cakes here in time to be taken to the home. Ice cream will be furnished by the CWF. The ladies of the Home are preparing a fine program for us. Mr. & Mrs. Guy M. Abbott, and Mrs. George Meyers are members of the Home family, and were former members here. Let us have a good group going!

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FRUIT CAKES - The Kepple Group is selling fruit cakes again this year. Get your from Lois Finkhousen or Virginia Bruckman.

## AMOUNG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Nancy Perkins, mother of Mrs. Sid Cowan is in Lutheran Hospital, Rm. 623

Mrs. Grace Tharp, mother of Bueford Tharp, is a patient at the Community Hospital, Anderson.

Jeffery Neal, 6 yr. old son, Mr. Mrs. Robert Neal is in Parkview Hospital Rm. 646.

Mr. Robert Donohue is in Canstant Care at Lutheran Hospital..

Mrs. John Roush is still in Lutheran but is slowly improving.

Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber is improving.

Mrs. James Cain also improving.

Mr. Egly is still a patient in the Bluffton Clinic.

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH who are ill, or in hospital:

Mrs. Lenore McKinney, in Moellering Unit, Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Merle Shinn is in Constant Care at Lutheran.

Mrs. Alice Truby , Mr. Truby's mother is a patient at Lutheran.

Mrs. Claude McKenney, 215 E. Wildwood [illegible]

Mrs. Norval Gorham has returned to her homeat the Baptist Home.

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## GROWING LEADERSHIP FOR .... "OPERATION PARTNERSHIP"

Layman Chairman - Robert Schubel

Chrm. Board - R. M. Vanderwall

Chrm. Stewardship & Finance, William Crouse

World Outreach - William Love

Laywoman Chairman - Mrs. Wm. Love

Chrm. Materials - Mrs. Owen Vaught

Co-Chrm. Visitation - George Bruckman
Walter Keebortz

As out Program for Operation Partnership develops other names will be added to this list.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1966

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(Nursery for all Services -for infants and children through 5 years.)

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CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

BEGINNER CHURCH -Sunday 10:30 AM

PRIMARY CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 A.M.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE RECORD....

| | |
|---|---|
| August 21 ..... | 244 |
| September 4 ..... | 209 |
| September 11 ..... | 307 |
| September 18 ..... | 304 |
| September 25 ..... | 282 |
| October 9 ..... | 335 |
| October 16 ..... | 332 |

Were YOU there?

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Middleburg, Vice-president; Mrs. Clyde Smith, Elkhart, Secretary-treasurer pro-tem. The dinner will be served at 5:30 prompt. Dinner and registration for adult $2.00, Youth $1.00. If you have not made your reservation for the dinner, please do so by calling the church office immediately.

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Sunday's Sermon: "OPERATION PARTNERSHIP"

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October 16, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 332 |
| Church School Attendance | 266 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1239.43 |
| Church School Offering | 86.10 |
| Building Fund | 2.00 |
| Landscaping | 23.00 |
| | $ 1350.53 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE .... $25,987.34

## CONGREGATION MEETINGS

The Nominating Committee will make a report of slate of officers for 1967 at the morning worship (10:30) service on Sunday, October 30. Election will be held on Sunday, November 6, at 10:30 Service.

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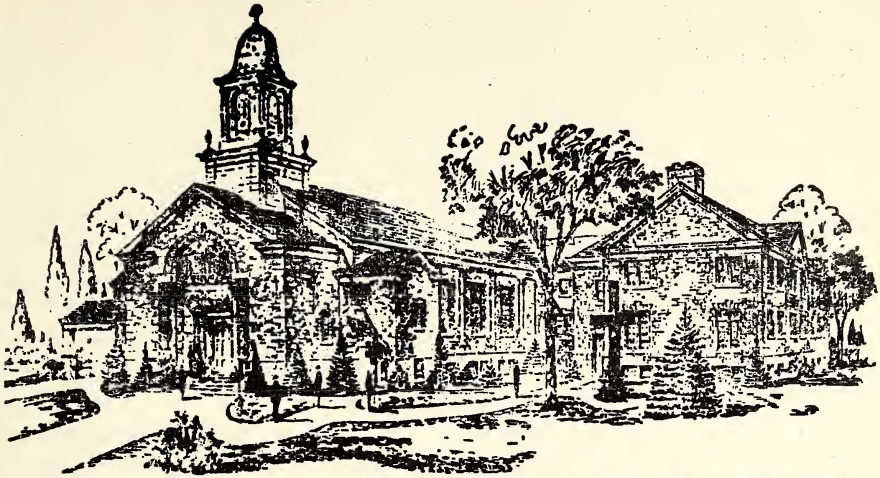
THANKS VERY MUCH! Mrs. James Cain (Helen) wishes to thank every one for their prayers, cards and calls, and all other kindnesses shown her during her recent illness.

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**CWF CHURCH WIDE RUMMAGE SALE**

**October 28-29**

Mrs. Herman Weber - Chairman



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXV Fort Wayne, Indiana. October 27, 1966 No. 4

## "LEADERSHIP IS THE KEY!"

Our church is committed to cooperate in Operation Partnership, which is the state-wide, church-wide program which contains in it the possibility of spiritual renewal.

Operation Partnership places the central emphasis upon 'a ministry to persons' with the purpose of imparting information and a sense of personal concern in each family. It is based upon a visit in the home of each family/individual. In this visit the visitor seeks to discover the strength of each person. Each person has personal worth if we look long enough and deeply enough. He is to reassure each person that he is wanted and welcome. The visitor is asked to emphasize the strong points of First Christian Church. Above all, he is given the opportunity to think through and to tell in an understandable manner what Christ and His Church means to him; what fellowship in the church means to him; to interpret "the Whole Mission of the Whole Church". The witness of the visitor is the very heart of Operation Partnership.

One rule of the program is that no person may have the privilege of serving as an ambassador who has not made his personal commitment to partnership with Christ before going out to visit.

Each visitor will have the opportunity to secure advance training by participating in a first-hand experience of visitation.

If First Christian Church is to succeed in Operation Partnership, then we shall need to enlist 40% of the members to serve as visitors. This is a TREMENDOUS Challenge! Are we able to rise to it? I have confidence we can if we begin at

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. George Duncan, 4008 Mound Pass, on Tuesday, November 1, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. R.G.S.Quinn, Worship by Mrs. Chas. Ludwig.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Hugh Rice, 7001 Premiere Dr. Tuesday, November 1, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Worship by Mrs. Kenneth Edwards.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Earl Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd, Wednesday November 2, at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. R.E.Firestone, Worship by Mrs. Leland Higgins .

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Herman Weber, 8543 Fiesta Way, Wednesday, November 2, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Melvin Foster, Worship Mrs. Dale Parkerson.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Arthur Mowery, 6926 Premiere Dr. on Thursday, November 3, at 7:47 P.M. Program by Mrs. Irene Cline, Worship by Mrs. Robert Clipp.

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ADVENTURE IN FELLOWSHIP .....

We have truly had a wonderful experience in our "Adventure In Fellowship". Sunday, October 30 at 3;00 P.M. we hope that all whose names begin with W.X.Y.Z. and all who could not come before will make a special effort to be with us in the church parlor. We crave knowing you better. We have missed so many of the younger couples. Through these meetings you learn a bit of the history of First Christian and more of the personalities in our Church life. Do come.

The Hosts and Hostesses are Mr. and Mrs. William Crouse, Mr.& Mrs. A.C. Cook, Mr.& Mrs. Walter Birkfield, Mr. & Mrs.Eugene W.Klepfer, Mr.& Mrs. Wendell Glass, Mr.& Mrs. Al. Schell, Mr.& Mrs.Orville Moody, Mr. & Mrs. E.M.O'Laughlin, Mr.& Mrs. J.W. Lehman, Mr.& Mrs. Wm. Franklin, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Bruckman, Mr.C.Bueford Tharp, Mr.& Mrs. Richard Vanderwall and Mrs. Edna Vaught. Mr.Mrs.C.Rice.

The Higdon Group is in charge of light refreshments.

--Vivian L.Johnson

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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, October 30

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

J. Fred Smell
William Franklin

10:30 A.M. Service -

Cecil Rice
Myron Cole

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John E. Black
Hendricks Love

10:30 A.M. Service -

Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Edwin Allen
F.Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
Dr. James Ruble

DEACONESSES - October 30

Mrs. Harold Nordblom
Mrs. Earl Plummer

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ILLNESS ... Mrs. Elna Taylor has been quite ill at her home, 2301 Florida Dr.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

October 23, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .46 |
| Nursery | 12 | .92 |
| Kindergarten | 10 | 2.41 |
| First Grade | 12 | 1.85 |
| Second Grade | 16 | 2.30 |
| Third Grade | 11 | 1.75 |
| Fourth Grade | 15 | 3.09 |
| Fifth Grade | 17 | 3.09 |
| Sixth Grade | 12 | 3.09 |
| Seventh Grade | 13 | 1.25 |
| Eighth Grade | 8 | 1.75 |
| Ninth Grade | 9 | .90 |
| High School | 31 | 4.70 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 5.25 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 2.00 |
| '58 Class | 20 | 8.00 |
| Berean | 12 | 7.00 |
| Come Double | 18 | 7.50 |
| Progressive Class | 27 | 15.15 |
| Ladies -Friendly | 13 | 2.70 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 2.25 |
| | 277 | $ 77.43 |

CONGRATULATIONS .... to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fusselman who are the proud grandparents of a little boy born to their daughter, Mrs. James Evans in San Diego, October 15.

... to Mr. & Mrs. Neil Allen who are the proud grandparents of a grandson born recently at Traverse City, Mich.

...Mr. &Mrs. Eugene Klepfer, proud grand parents of a grandbaby born recently to their daughter.

....Mrs. Esther Whitton whose son Jerry is the proud father of a little boy born Oct. 19. Mrs. Whitton has ten granddaughters, and now this dear little boy.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY .... to Mr. E. H. Pond and to members of his family in the recent death of his father.

Mr. Chas. Fuchshuber is to undergo surgery this week-end.

## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Ray Woodhull is in Lutheran Hosp. M-203 after having broken her arm.

Mrs. Grace Tharp has been brought to Lutheran Hospital (627) from the hospital at Anderson.

Mrs. Wm. Jones (Laura) has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Robert Donohue is still in Constant Care at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. John Roush is still in Lutheran hospital.

Mr. Melvin McNamee is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH WHO ARE ILL:

Mrs. Geo. Ripple, mother of Rolland Ripple and Mrs. Hugh Rice is bedfast at the home of a daughter at 1063 Oak, Winnetka, Ill. 60093. Mrs. Ripple will be 89 on October 31.

Mr. Charles Rice, father of Cecil & Hugh Rice is in the Rising Sun Nursing Home, Rising Sun, Ind. 47040. He was 92 on October 25.

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## REPORT ON DISTRICT CONVENTION

District One Convention, October 23 was a success. Mrs. Owen Vaught presided as the president. The program was excellent and was balanced. The following churches were well represented: Aboite, Auburn, Elkhart, First, Ft. Wayne, Kendallville, North Christian, Southview Warsaw, Vistula & West Creighton.

Vistula, a very small church had 8from their small membership present.

The ladies of First Christian prepared and served the banquet. Mrs. Rufus Quinn was dinner chrm., and Mrs. Melvin Foster was in charge of the dining room. The food was excellent and abundant. The service was all we could have hoped for. Thank you, Mrs. Vaught, and thank you, ladies!

--B. A. J.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all Services - for Infants and children through 5 years)

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High School - Thursdays at 6:30 PM

CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sunday

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

BEGINNER CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 AM

PRIMARY CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 A.M.

CONGREGATION MEETINGS

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for 1967 at the morning worship service on Sunday 30. Election of Officers will be held on Sunday November 6, at 10:30 Service.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Herman Weber on the birth of a granddaughter, Julie Diane Weber, born 10/24

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once, if we follow through, and if we ourselves act as we pray others will act.

How may we enlist these visitors - ambassadors. The KEY to success is in the hand of the Captain.

The Manual points out that for every 100 'home units' we shall need fourteen (14) teams, or 28 persons. We have 400 'home units' in First Christian. This means that we will need (14 teams for each 100 home units times 4 or fifty-six (56) teams.) A Captain is needed for each four (4) teams. This means that we will require fourteen (14) Captains.

Our hope rests upon each Captain. He will enlist his four teams through personal conference. The Visitation Committee Mr. Bruckman and Mr. Keebortz, co-chairmen, will assist them. We depend upon the initiative and the resourcefulness of each Captain. Commitment Sunday will be November 20th.

-- Barton A. Johnson

Next Sunday's Sermon ....
"THE PARADOX OF POWER"
Philippians 2: 1-11.
Text - Philippians 2: 8

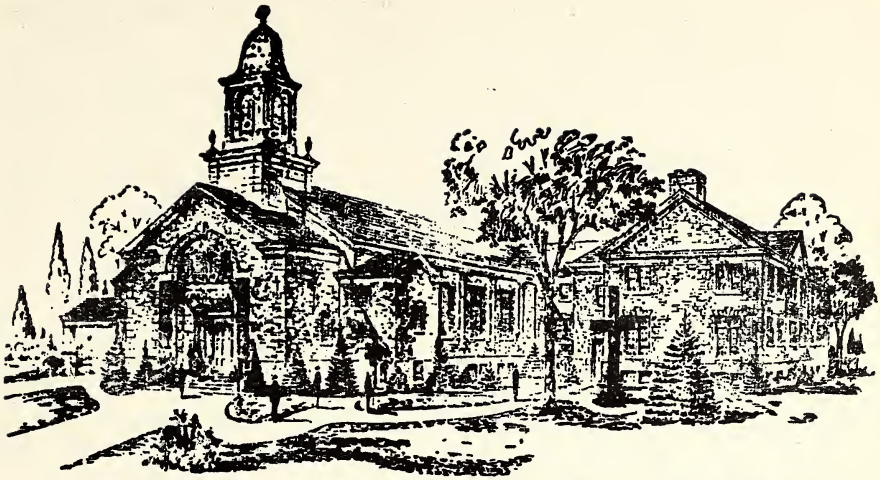
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October 23, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 303 |
| Church School Attendance | 277 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1390.27 |
| Church School Offering | 77.43 |
| Landscaping | 10.00 |
| | $ 1477.70 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ....
$ 24,906.45

ATTEND THE WORSHIP SERVICES
RAIN OR SHINE!



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** November 3, 1966 No. 5

## SERMON SERIES

The following sermons, together with the dates, have been announced by the interim minister:

November 6 - "Bake Me A Little Cake First" 1 Kings 17: 1-16

November 13 - "How May I Arrive At My Share?" II Corinthians 9

November 20 - "First They Gave Themselves" II Corinthians 8: 1-15

November 27 - "Your Influence Is Showing" Matthew 12: 15-25

The first three sermons are intended to interpret salient facets of "Operation Partnership", in which First Christian Church, and Indiana Christian Churches are engaged.

We are selecting and training leadership for the phase which, providing our leaders bear effective personal witness, contains the promise of spiritual renewal. November 20 is COMMITMENT SUNDAY. The visitors will be commissioned at this time.

Next Sunday's sermon, "BAKE ME A LITTLE CAKE FIRST" grows out of the suffering of the prophet Elijah as he struggled with the notorious King Ahab. It also will give some insight into the revealing spiritual experience of the widow of Zarephath. Would you like to read this passage, and be present?

--Barton A. Johnson, Interim Minister

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Harold Nordblom, 1101 Hamilton Ave., Tuesday, November 8 at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. John Olson, Worship by Mrs. Robert Rayl.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Harold Crowder, 447 Lenox Ave, Wednesday, November 9, at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Donald Davenport; Worship by Mrs. Wm. Kintzel.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Paul Kenline, 3131 Maple Lane, Monday, November 14 at 8 PM. Program by Mrs. Florence Palmer; Worship by Mrs. Charles Speicher.

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mr. Charles Fuchshuber is in Room 472 Lutheran Hospital.

Thomas Rayl, under surgery at Lutheran Hospital last week-end. He is in Rm. 224.

Mrs. F.J. (Virginia) Worrell is a patient at Parkview, Room 715.

Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Sid Cowen's mother, is a patient at Lutheran, Rm. 623.

Mr. Robert Donohue is still a patient at Lutheran. He is showing improvement.

Mark Williams rode into the side of a truck with his bicycle, and suffered a bad bump on the head.

NOTES

Mr. Albert Powell's brother-in-law is a patient in Parkview Hospital.

Memorial services were held Oct. 31 for Robert Brooks Taylor, 1009 W. Berry St.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schubel drove to Atlanta, Ga. over the last week-end to visit with Rev. and Mrs. George Wascovich and family.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, November 6

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
William Franklin
Richard Vanderwall

10:30 A.M. Service -
Albert J. Powell
David Hogg

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Donald C. Smith
Ralph Weesner
Herdis Helmuth
Merle Rice

10:30 A.M. Service -
Lawrence Horn
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Robert Urich
E.M. O'Laughlin
Leon Johns
Herbert Banet
Paul Yentes

DEACONESSES: November 6, 13, 20
Mrs. Harold Crowder
Mrs Edwin Allen

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We, of the Primary Department would like to share with you the announcement that was made in our Primary Sunday School classes and then was posted on our bulletin board: Since about the middle of May when we started our Library Reading Project, 291 books have been read by 37 students. One student read 30 books, another 24. Many others read from 1 to 20 books. We are very pleased with this report and will begin another promotional study in the near future.

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## "ADVENTURES IN FELLOWSHIP"

What a wonderful time we have had in the Parlors of the First Christian Church the past month! 258 of the adult Church folk have attended these get-togethers.

The following remarks were heard:

"I have been in the church five years, and today I feel acquainted with a group who will be my friends from here on out."

"I am so glad that I am a part of First Christian. Ever since Bro. George and an Elder of this church came to visit me and asked me to become a Disciple, I have found myself doing what God expects of me."

"I didnt know that Mr. & Mrs. X are the parents of my dear friend."

"I can't figure out what the Johnsons are trying to do?"

"Can't we go on with this type of program? Every one in the Church should have an opportunity to have this experience."

"Well the whole adult membership has had a chance. It's too bad all could not make a special effort to get here."

"We had another date. We went there first, and then came over here. I am so glad we came."

Many more words have been spoken, but Barton and I are so grateful that we have had an opportunity to get to know you better.

We express special thanks to the Groups for the lovely cookies, tea and coffee at the social hour. You have served so happily. The tea table has been so beautiful; and your graciousness will never be forgotten. Thank you, Groups!

A special thanks to those who acted as hosts and hostesses each meeting. It was so important to you that you

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hurried back from an outing, or maybe turned off your favorite T.V. program to come to the Church parlors to see if there might be something you could do to help. The fellowship of First Church is more meaningful to its members because of your efforts and presence.

Thank you every one.

--Vivian Johnson

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

October 30, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .75 |
| Nursery | 12 | 1.01 |
| Kindergarten | 11 | 1.73 |
| First Grade | 11 | 1.45 |
| Second Grade | 10 | 3.95 |
| Third Grade | 10 | 1.95 |
| Fourth Grade | 12 | 2.16 |
| Fifth Grade | 9 | 2.16 |
| Sixth Grade | 11 | 2.16 |
| Seventh Grade | 1 | 0 |
| Eighth Grade | 4 | 1.70 |
| Ninth Grade | 7 | .70 |
| High S hool | 22 | 4.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 3 | 1.52 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 1.20 |
| 58 Class | 17 | 11.00 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 5.00 |
| Come Double | 19 | 7.94 |
| Progressive | 16 | 8.50 |
| Friendly | 16 | 3.83 |
| Men | 6 | 2.75 |
| Totals | 216 | $ 65.48 |

## AN URGENT REQUEST

We need in the Church office the up-to date address, and rank of all service personnel. "TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE" Please use the card in the bulletin; or re-check the address and mail it on a postcard. Will you respond at once, please? --B. A. J.

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JUNIOR CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 A.M.

CONGREGATION MEETING - ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be held on Sunday, November 6, at the 10:30 Service.

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RUMMAGE SALE: Mrs. Herman Weber, would like to thank every one who helped at the sale and also all those who donated rummage for the sale. the net proceeds were right at $90.00.

October 30, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 317 |
| Church School Attendance | 216 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1154.95 |
| Church School Offering | 65.48 |
| Landscaping | 1.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 9.10 |
| Building Fund | 2.00 |
| | $ 1232.63 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 24,906.45

TWO HISTORIC DATES!

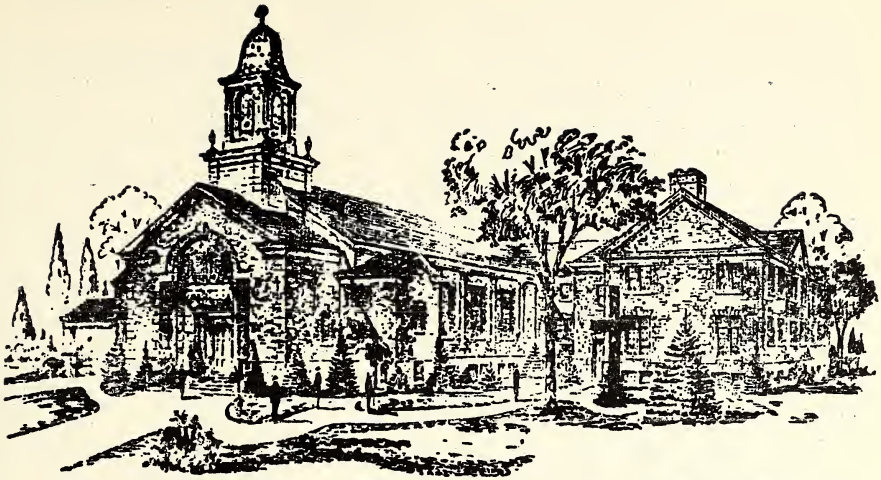
November 11 and 20th . . . . in the life of First Christian Church.

On Friday, November 11 there will be a meeting of the entire congregation when we shall receive information, clarification and inspiration for the great week of personal commitment.

November 20, is Commitment Sunday. Let us visualize the mighty movement of Operation Partnership as the congregation gathers on this Sunday morning to begin our vital Every Member Commitment. All members, including captains and visitors should be present for the commissioning at the 10:30 service. The visitors will start calling in the afternoon and will continue until the visitation is completed.

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"There is a vital connection between the need for a renewal of the Church and the commitment that is called into being through Christian stewardship The ability of the Church to fulfill her mission in our time as closely related to the development of a dynamic stewardship in the entire church."



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXV Fort Wayne, Indiana, November 10, 1966 No. 6

## "ACCENT UPON WITNESSING"

First Christian Church is in the mid'st of "Operation Partnership", which is 'a ministry of persons'. The hoped for outcome is that each disciple may experience a fuller partnership with Christ, which will be expressed in: regular reverent worship; conscientious Christian living; service which is acceptable to Christ through the church; a deepening of the individual and the corporate Christian life; and the practice of Christian stewardship.

Operation Partnership contains the promise of the spiritual renewal of our church, providing our visitors carry into the homes they visit what Christ means to them, May we invite you to re-think what your relationship to Christ means, and to express that meaning in simple language, which will reach a sincere heart? We are concerned primarily with persons.

So, personal visitation in homes, bearing witness upon behalf of Christ is particularly timely now. A Church is at one of the low points of its vitality when it has lost a minister who has served well, and has not yet called a regular minister. Are you vitally concerned in drawing the flock of God more closely together?

Your example and attitude speak loudly.

Ought we not to get on at once with enlisting leadership - visitors? The outcome of our Operation Partnership depends upon action in time; and also upon your witness-bearing.

Sunday's Sermon: "HOW MAY I ARRIVE AT MY SHARE?" II Corinthians 9.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Monthly Meeting

LUNCHEON AT 12:15 P.M. Prompt! Tuesday, November 15, 1966 in Fellowship Hall. Please make it a point to call in your reservation for the luncheon as soonas possible, to Mrs. Elwood Parent, 448-3382; or to Mrs. Geo Bruckman, 748-0459.

The president is calling a short meeting of the Executive at 12:45 P.M. in the Chapel. Those who are expected are: elected officers of General CWF. Directors of Worship, Service and Study and Group leaders.

The McGavran Group is in charge ofthe program at 1:00 P.M. Subject, "Touring Canada with CWF". The Dye Group are in charge of worship.

See you next Tuesday!

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FRUIT CAKES - The Kepple Group still have Fruit Cakes for sale. See any one of their Group, or call Mrs. Geo. Bruckman, 748-0459.

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WOMAN'S DAY - DECEMBER 4th, 1966

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY, November 20

Visitors to homes in our Church will be commissioned during the worship service, November 20th. They go out as ambassadors of Christ and of First Christian Church. They go out with our prayers. Visitors pleas e be present.

Lunch, to save the time. of the visitors, and to facilitate the assignments, will be held at the Church at noon. Assignments will be given out by the Captains.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ....

A congregational meeting for the purpose of information, clarafication, inspiration and prayer will be held this Friday at 7:30 P.M. (please note the time) in Fellowship Hall.

The arrangements for the meeting are in the hands of Mrs. William Love, Robert Schubel, and R.M. Vanderwall.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

OFFICERS serving November 13.

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

William Love
Charles Fuchshuber

10:30 A.M. Service -

S.E. Merriman
Harold Crowder

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Frank M. Moody
Le Roy Timbrook
Herman Weber
Robert Schubel

10:30 A.M. Service -

E.M. O"Laughlin
Leon Johns
Herbert Banet
Paul Yentes
Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John L. Clark
Arthur Mowery

DEACONESSES:

November 13, 20
Mrs. Harold Crowder
Mrs. Edwin Allen

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"He Is Coming Soon" .....was one of the finest renditions given by our Choir Sunday morning. Christiansen wrote a marvelous Anthem.

We were so proud of our Anthem and the solo; and the Youth Choir at the first service. Thank you, every one.

We appreciated the closing number given by our Juniors. Wasn't it lovely? God was in His sanctuary Sunday. It was so quiet and worshipful.

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
November 6, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .35 |
| Nursery | 12 | 1.53 |
| Kindergarten | 13 | 3.41 |
| First Grade | 16 | 3.77 |
| Second Grade | 15 | 2.50 |
| Third Grade | 13 | 1.80 |
| Fourth Grade | 14 | 3.04 |
| Fifth Grade | 15 | 3.04 |
| Sixth Grade | 13 | 3.04 |
| Seventh Grade | 10 | 1.91 |
| Eight Grade | 8 | 1.60 |
| Ninth Grade | 11 | 1.25 |
| High School | 25 | 4.73 |
| Pairs & Spares | 10 | 5.00 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 1.65 |
| '58 Class | 18 | 10.50 |
| Berean | 15 | 6.00 |
| Come Double | 22 | 13.00 |
| Progressive | 28 | 15.50 |
| Friendly | 18 | 3.65 |
| Men's Class | 5 | 3.75 |
| | 288 | $ 90.92 |

## PERSONAL MENTION!

The Rev. George E. Wascovich, minister of First Christian Church, Atlanta, Ga, worshiped with his beloved friends of this Church Sunday November 6. He came to attend the Board meeting at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis. A host of friends greeted him after Church Service.

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WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. John L. Clark, married last Saturday in the Sanctuary by Bro. John Williams. Mrs. Clark is the former Miss Roseanne Litchfield.

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Mrs. Grace Tharp, a patient in Lutheran is making a slight gain in her condition.

## "BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS"

Mr. & Mrs. Albert (Anna) Egly celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, Nov. 6. The Egly's had two sons, Robert (deceased), and Dr. Richard Egly, of Terre Haute. Mrs. Robert Egly was present. Also present was Mr. Egly's sister Mrs. Rachel Fowler.

When I think of the long, kindly arms of Anna and Albert Egly, and think of the love manifested Sunday, I want to share with you some of the joys they enjoyed.

Mrs. Egly's sister passed away leaving her 11 year old son. They made a home for him. Dr. Vance Hartley and his wife Bryan, Ohio, were present to express their love.

Another call came to them: An orphan James Rupel, 5, lost both father and mother. Jimmie and his sister Pauline came to live with the Egly's. The Rupel's and their five children were at the family dinner. He is a business man at Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Egly, Sr. gave a brief talk in which he said he was sorry he had not witnessed more often; and that he had not told his wife often enough, "I love you."

Then, from memory he recited the poem:

"Let me live in a house by the side of the road, and be a friend to man...."

Sunday is a memorable instance of "bread cast upon the waters." which returns after many days.

--Vivian L. Johnson

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CHI RHO Youth went Halloweening to collect canned goods to share with others during their recent meeting. Their earnest endeavor and genuine happiness gladdened the hearts of their sponsors, and we know you are all very proud of our youth. Bless them!

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(Nursery for all services - for Infants and children throu gh 5 years)

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Sanctuary Choir, Thursday, 7:45 PM
High School - Thursdays at 6:30 PM

CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sunday
BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.
BEGINNER CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 A.M
PRIMARY CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 AM
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 A.M.

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The Children of the PRIMARY DEPARTMENT are being asked to bring canned goods the next two Sundays. They plan to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for some needy family.

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CMF Breakfast will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7:00 A.M. This is an informal meeting.

November 6, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 400 |
| Church School Attendance | 288 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1683.61 |
| Church School Offering | 90.92 |
| Landscaping | 17.76 |
| U.C.F.A. | 6.00 |
| Building Fund | 15.00 |
| Thanksgiving Offering | 5.00 |
| | $ 1818.29 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 24,906.45

## IN SYMPATHY

Word has come that Rev. C.C. Griggs father of David Griggs, of Rockville Indiana, passed away on Tuesday of this week, in Florida where he and Mrs. Griggs planned to spend the winter. Mr. Griggs died of a heart attack. He was one of our retired ministers.

Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to David and his family at this time of sorrow.

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## AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Stevens Hand is a patient in Room 495 Lutheran Hospital.

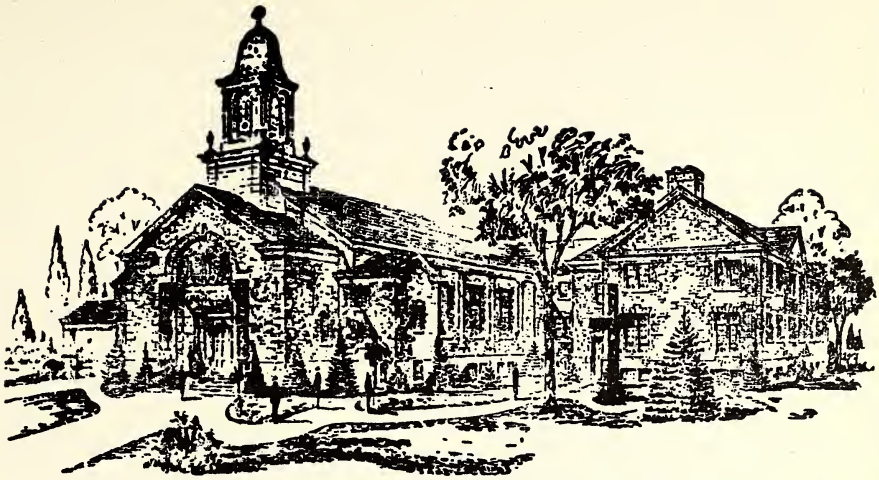
Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber was a patient this week at Lutheran Hospital, Rm. 589

Mrs. Charles Wrisk was in St. Joseph's Hospital for a few days this last week.

Mrs. Homer Stevenson is a patient in Room 519, St. Joseph's Hospital, having undergone surgery on Wednesday of this week.

## STORK NEWS

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Roger Crist in the birth of a son, Ricky, who was born on November 4th.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Volume XXV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** November 17, 1966 No. 7

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

First Christian Church is engaged in "Operation Partnership" wherein a team of visitors will visit in your home.

The purpose of each visit is to bear witness as to what Christ and the Church mean to the visitor. These visitors are being sent forth as "ambassadors of Christ," with the prayer that each one of you visited may feel that HE is WANTED; and that he needs to attend Sunday School and Church in order that his faith may have an opportunity to grow.

We recognize that this personal visitation comes at a most opportune time in the life of First Christian Church, because this church is in the process of seeking a permanent minister.

Some persons may be tempted to waver, to fall by the wayside. When you were baptized into Christ, you did not regard your commitment lightly, did you? Rather you took your solemn covenant of discipleship seriously, did you not?

Your presence within the fellowship and your fuller partnership with Christ spell out the difference between spiritual growth, and fulfillment; or, aching dissatisfaction and loss of hope.

SUNDAY'S SERMON ".... FIRST THEY GAVE THEMSELVES"
Scripture II Corinthians 8: 1-15

ATTENTION, PLEASE! Check your Tidings NOW and if the ZIP CODE on it is not correct, or is not on it, please drop a card to the church office, or call in, so that the Zip Codes may appear and be correct. Thank you!

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AMONG OUR KNOWN SICK

Mr. Arza Smith has been a patient in Parkview Hospital, Room 414

Mr. Forrest Smith underwent surgery last Wednesday, at St. Josph's Hospital.

Mrs. Ida May England is now a patient at Lutheran Hospital. Rm. 570

Mrs. Marvin Roseberry, is in Lutheran Hospital. Room 313

Mr. Gerald Elser had surgery this week at Parkview.

Mrs. Alyce Fuchshuber is still a patient at Lutheran. Mr. Fuchshuber has gone home.

Mr. Robert Donohue is at home after a long stay at the hospital.

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STORK NEWS

A little daughter was born to Mr. & Mrs Warren Webster, on November 8, '66 Congratulations!

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IN SORROW - We are all deeply grieved to hear of the tragic accident last Monday evening, when Mr. John Laymon, Sr. lost his life. Our sincere sympathy go to Mrs. Laymon and her family in this time of great sorrow. May God comfort her in these dark hours.

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Word has come that the father of Mrs. David Hogg, passed away recently. We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Hogg and her family in this great loss.

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Mrs. Elna Taylor has recently taken up residence in the Lutheran Home, this City. We wish her every happiness in her new location.

"GO FLY A KITE"

"Go Fly a Kite" is something you foll are free to say, it you choose. Of course a minister can never say such words. When we plead that a per son bring his church letter which has been buried in a trunk for 30 years, and is doing its holder no good .... after about the third or fourth call thi "Preacheress" is tempted to say, "Go fly a kite." You will have to answer to your Lord.

When the minister and wife go to make a call, and after the fifth or sixth knock, no one comes to the doo again the "Mrs." NOT the "Mr". - wants to say, :Go fly a kite".

When you appeal to a member to attend church three or four times and finally the feeble voice, of an other wise strong person, says "When I go t Church I go 'back home', or, I'm just waiting to see what is going to ha pen; or, "we are attending my son's church for awhile" what kind of loya ty is this to one's Lord? Why are so ma ny "Chips" keeping wings from sprouting?

Somewhere it tells us in the Good Book that we are to serve whole-hear edly where we live, to give regularly systematically, proportionately, as the Lord has prospered us! If we throw ourselves wholeheartedly into the ser vice of our Master where we are, we can discover His will for us, and be drawn into Christian fellowship whic sustains us in sickness and sorrow, an during our happy days.

Don't you think that we should get our feet solidly on the ground of His Word and His work and STOP "flying our kites" stop floating in mid-air wi no purpose, with little sense of value and no attempt to meet the challeng of the days ahead?

(Next Column)

May every member of First Christian bow humblyat this Thanksgiving time with a prayer of rededication, that we, each one, will raise our giving, so that this Church will be able to do its part in the great struggle against evil. May we each say, "the growth of First Church begins in me."

-- V.L.J.

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AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving November 20, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Kenneth Edwards
Robert Clipp

10:30 A.M. Service -

Ralph Church
Ronald McVay

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John L. Clark
Arthur Mowery

10:30 A.M. Service -

Frank Moody
LeRoy Timbrook
Herman Weber
Robert Schubel
Lawrence Horn
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Robert Urich

DEACONESS: November 20

Mrs. Harold Crowder
Mrs. Edwin Allen

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE PLANNED.

First Christian Church will offer a brief reverent service of Thanksgiving, Wednesday night, November 23, at 7:30 PM It will emphasize hymns, scripture, and prayer. Would you like to bring your family and friends?

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NOTE: Mrs. Wm. Love, Lay-chair woman, Operation Partnership would like to have the wives who are not going out calling with their husbands to volunteer to help with the luncheon as their contribution to "Operation Partnership."

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CYF: Have invited Mrs. Barton A. Johnson to show her slides of her trip to "The Passion Play", given in 1960 in Oberammergau, Bavaria. The play is deeply religious.

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The Chi Rhos attended the World Premiere of the movie "Way Out"; and plan to attend the program at the Colesium, Friday Nov. 25, at 7:30 PM. when Rev. Ford Philpit is bringing the principals of the movie, who were former drug addicts, who will give their "testimony"..

PARENTS of Chi Rho'ers are asked to pick up their youth at 7:00 Sunday night, Nov. 2o. All other Sunday nights they are asked to come at 6:45. promptly. There will be no Chi Rho meeting Sunday Nov. 27.

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

November 13, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .57 |
| Nursery | 10 | 1.21 |
| Kindergarten | 11 | .95 |
| Primary Dept | 33 | 5.67 |
| Junior Dept. | 32 | 7.09 |
| Seventh Grade | 7 | 1.44 |
| Eighth Grade | 8 | 1.30 |
| Nineth Grade | 8 | 2.15 |
| High School Class | 27 | 6.86 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 4.50 |
| Young Adults | 3 | 1.36 |
| '58 Class | 10 | 6.00 |
| Berean Class | 15 | 5.00 |
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| Progressive | 29 | 17.00 |
| Friendly | 19 | 3.38 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 5.25 |

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C.Y.F. Sunday, 5:30 - Mrs. Barton A. Johnson in charge of program.
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PRIMARY CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 AM
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November 13, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 367 |
| Church School Attendance | 257 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1379.9 |
| Church School Offering | 79.5 |
| U.C.F.A. | 6.0 |
| Building Fund | 3.0 |
| | $ 1468.5 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ..
$ 24,906.45

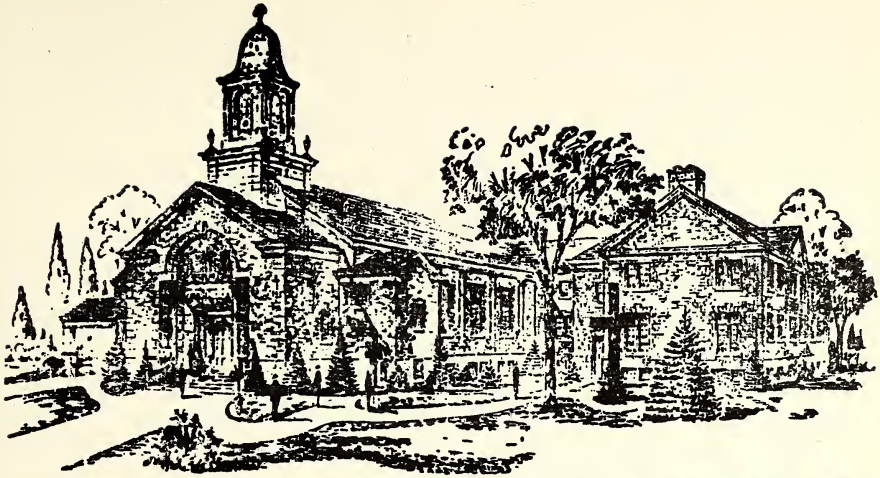
## THE PRACTICE OF STEWARDSHIP

Whenever a Christian seeks to disco the answer to the question, how may I arrive at my share in giving, he would do well to consider the "tithe" (1/10 s aside first for God.)

There are certain things the on-goir church has learned under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul stated it in this appeal, "Upon the first day of every week, each of you is to l something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions nee not be made when I come." I Cor. 16:

The church has come to recognize t outline of a program which is workabl and is just. It encourages: individual giving; weekly giving; Proportionate giving, ie., that one give upon the sa scale that he lives, "as the Lord has p pered him."

Still another practical discovery h been made by the church: the princip of "the pledge", or "estimate." Expe ience demonstrates that persons who pledge give much more, and feel gre er joy than non-pledgors, or occasion givers. Please consider making a ple It is Christian!



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Volume XXV Fort Wayne, Indiana. November 24, 1966 No. 8

## REPORT ON OPERATION PARTNERSHIP

There was a warm-hearted reponse on Commitment Sunday, November 20, with 67 persons present at the 8:15 AM Service. 26 commitments were volunteered by them, in an atmosphere of worship. 100 additional pledges were volunteered at the 10:30 AM Service, with 285 persons present.

We are delighted with the loyal response of responsible leaders who were commissioned as 'ambassabors of Christ and First Christian Church' at the 10:30 AM Service. There were 60 workers who gathered for a delicious lunch, for assignment and for inspiration.

Great credit is due Mr. Robert Schubel, the Director of Operation Partnership, and also to his co-chairmen, Mr. George Bruckman and Mr. Walter Keebortz. These men secured 14 captains, who in turn secured their teams.

Warm thanks also to Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Love, and to their co-workers who served lunch.

As of November 21, 174 pledges of record have been made in the amount of $1,002.95 per week. The budget you approved requires $1800 per week. We must, and can close that gap.

The visitors found that a number of families were not at home. Heretofore, First Christian has received approximately 245 pledges. We have 174 to date. You can see YOUR support is most urgently needed to undergird your church's program.

May we ask that the visitors please phone for an appointment to see persons they

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Paul Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton St., on Thursday, December 1st, at 7:45 P.M. Worship by Mrs. Irene Cline.

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IN APPRECIATION

Mr. & Mrs. Egly wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the good wishes and greetings they received at the time of their 60th anniversary and also at the time Mr. Egly was in the hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donohue express sincere appreciation for all the calls, cards and for the prayers in their behalf during Mrs Donohue's stay in the hospital. Mr. Donohue is now convalescing at home.

PERSONAL MENTION

Word comes that the father of Walter & Richard Gumpp is very ill at his home in Florida.

Mr. & Mrs. Bret Young, now living in Phoenix, are visiting Fort Wayne friends They transferred their memberships, which is right.! Mr. Young recently headed up Operation Partnership in his church.

Parkview patients include:
Mr. Gerald Elser, Sr. ...Mrs. Virginia Worrell, ... Mr. Arza Smith, ...Mrs Albert Coil.

Lutheran Hospital patients include:
Mrs. Ida Mae England, ...Mrs. Grace Tharp, ...Mrs. Nancy Perkins.

Those now at home after illness:
Mr. Robert Donohue; Mrs. Homer H. Stevenson, Mr. Elmer Darwachter.

STORK NEWS: New baby to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Roseberry; A boy, Brent Allen, to Mr. & Mrs. Billy Daugherty, 2123 Oakley St. Mrs. Daugherty is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arza Smith. Congratulations to these couples.

PERSONAL MENTION

We are pleased to report that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber are improving after illness. His many friends were delighted to see Mr. Fuchshuber in Church last Sunday.

A group of her friends surprised Miss Fay Woodhull on her birthday.

The Christmas Cantata written by Mr. William Wetzel, will be given on Dec. 18 at 7:30 P.M. and will feature all our soloists. It will also be broadcast over WPTA on December 23, at Noon.

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The secretary will be away for a few days vacation over the Thanksgiving holiday; back in the office on next Monday.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving November 27, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Myron Cole
Cecil Rice

10:30 A.M. Service -

Dr. Henry Lee Butler
William Franklin

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Donald C. Smith
Ralph Weesner
Herdis Helmuth
Merle Rice

10:30 A.M. Service -

Charles Speicher
Vernon Moore
Hugh Bassett
Kenneth Gould
Romane Cole
James Cain
James Heavin
A. Jefferson Young

DEACONESSES:

November 27; December 4, 11
Mrs. Hugh Rice

## "PUT THAT SUITCASE DOWN"

One of our human weaknesses, is the fact that we are "worriers". Christ tried to help his followers understand that God provides for all of our needs, physical, and spiritual. We say with our mouths, that we believe God will take care of us, but immediately we turn our thoughts and atten tion to taking care of ourselves, as if God didn't even exist.

Dr. Gutzke of Columbia Seminary tells the following story: "He pictures a man carrying a heavy suitcase walking down the highway trying to hitch a ride. One car after another whizzed by without even slowing down. Finally a big truck pulled up and stopped - The driver leaned out and shouted, "You can ride if you want but you'll have to stand up in the back of the truck" The man with the heavy suitcase climbed in and rode 50 miles to the next town - when the driver stopped and got out of his truck, he saw to his utter amazement that the man was still clutching his heavy suitcase. He hadn't set it down so the truck would carry all its weight but had held it, gripped in his hand all that distance.

We smile at such a foolish person, but aren't we just as foolish when we continue to hug our worries to ourselves instead of turning ourselves and our worries over to God in complete trust. -- V.L.J.

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## PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will hold their annual Christmas party at the Hobby Ranch House on No. Anthony, on Friday, December 2, at 7:00 P.M. They will have a 50¢ gift exchange. Your reservations should be in by November 28. Please call Mrs. A.O.Schell, to make them. 744-2773

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

November 20, 1977

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | 2.20 |
| Nursery | 11 | 2.68 |
| Kindergarten | 23 | 2.58 |
| First Grade | 12 | 3.04 |
| Second Grade | 14 | 4.00 |
| Third Grade | 10 | 1.82 |
| Fourth Grade | 14 | 3.57 |
| Fifth Grade | 13 | 3.57 |
| Sixth Grade | 13 | 3.57 |
| Seventh Grade | 9 | 2.15 |
| Eighth Grade | 8 | .63 |
| Ninth Grade | 6 | .45 |
| High School | 27 | 6.16 |
| Pairs & Spares | 8 | 7.50 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 17 | 16.00 |
| Berean Class | 9 | 4.25 |
| Come Double | 21 | 13.25 |
| Progressive Class | 26 | 123.00 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 32.30 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 10.50 |
| Totals | 271 | 244.22 |

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CHI RHO - Parents of Chi Rho Youth are asked to come for their children promptly at 6:45 on Sundays. There will be no Chi Rho meeting Sunday November 27.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! For Jan, 16 1967, and plan to attend the Annual meeting of the Associated Churches at St. John"s United Church of Christ. The speaker will be Rev. Robert Worley of McCormick Theological Seminary who was so greatly enjoyed by the teachers at the Christian Leadership School on October 10. First Christian should be represented at this dinner and all our members are invited to attend. The Associated Churches will want dinner reservations made prior to the time of the meeting.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1966

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High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.
CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sundays
BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.
BEGINNER C HURCH - Sunday 10:30 AM
*PRIMARY CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 AM
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 A.M.
**NOTE - There will not be a PRIMARY CHURCH SERVICE on the following days: Thanksgiving Sunday, November 27; Christmas Sunday, December 25; or on New Year's Sunday, January 1st. Children will sit with their parents in the Sanctuary.

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CHRISTMAS CANTATA, written by Mr. Wetzel, will be given on December 18 at 7:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary.

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missed? EACH commitment is highly important to your church and to you. With a new minister being called, this is no time to cut pledges or church program.

Also, we are confident that you will receive these 'ambassadors' in the manner they deserve. They are spending time and effort to rally all Christian families more closely about the Master.

These visitors are not asking you to do what they have not already done, because each began by making his commitment.

If you have never yet made a commitment and we assume you intend to do so what better time is there than now?

Sunday's Sermon -
"YOUR INFLUENCE IS SHOWING"

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November 20, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 406 |
| Church School Attendance | 271 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1125.55 |
| Church School Offering | 244.24 |
| Thanksgiving Offering | 122.60 |
| Building Fund | 26.00 |
| Landscape | 3.00 |
| | $ 1525.59 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . .
$ 23,820.60

IN APPRECIATION

Mrs. John Laymon wishes to take this means to express her heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all our folk who were so very kind to her during her recent great loss, especially she wishes to thank the members of the Friendly Class who were so very kind to her at this time of sorrow To Rev. & Mrs. Johnson for their sustaining prayers.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## WOMAN'S DAY SUNDAY

Sunday, December 4, will be observed as "Woman's Day" in First Christian Church, Fort Wayne. Woman's Day is an historic occasion, dating back to 1874. It stresses the missionary and world outreach concerns of the Church. It also recognizes the continuing contributions being made by Christian women. Their contributions are many-fold: including missionary education, deepening the spiritual life of the Church; and strengthening Christian fellowship. We tend to take the loyal presence and the valuable leadership of our ladies for granted. Are we justified in taking anyone for granted? In addition, our Christian Women's Fellowship (C. W. F. ) has made, and is making a considerable and a dependable financial contribution to First Christian Church and to its World Outreach program.

Mrs. Barton A. Johnson, wife of the interim minister has been invited to be the Woman's Day speaker. her subject: "Her Coming Made A Difference". Ladies will participate in the service.

Mrs. Owen Vaught is president of our C. W. F. which, for greater effectiveness is divided into (8) groups: the Rev. Paul C. Kepple Group, leader, Mrs. George Bruckman; the Rev. Byron C. Spice Group, leader, Mrs. Elwood Parent; the Mrs. Donald McGavran Group, leader, Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott; the Dr. Royal J. Dye Group, leader, Mrs. William H. Crouse; the Dr. E. K. Higdon Group, leader, Mrs. Ralph Church; the Fellowship Guild, leader, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull; the Mrs. J. D Montgomery Group, leader, Mrs. Paul Yentes; the Dr. Robert Nelson Group, leader, Mrs. Howard Overmyer.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, 3521 Robinwood Tuesday, December 6, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Kenneth Edwards; Worship by Mrs. Chas. Dilts.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Walter Birkhold, 221 W.Maple Grove, Wednesday, December 7, at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Worship by Mrs. Fred Hilker.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Ave., for a carry in luncheon on Wednesday, December 7 at 10:00 A.M. Program by Mrs Leo Trim; Worship by Mrs. Herman Weber.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs Donald Davenport, 4328 Hessen Cassel for a carry-in dinner on Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 P.M. Program Mrs. Robert Hendricks; Worship, Mrs. James Cain.

The KEPPLE, MONTGOMERY, and GUILD Groups will meet at the Church on the night of the General meeting, December 13.

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The Nelson Group have Christmas cards showing the Church Sanctuary in natural color. These are 15¢ each, or $3.00 for a box of 20. Contact Mrs. Robert Hendricks, 745-9317, or any member of the Nelson Group.

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Mrs. Robert Clipp reports she still has 15 bottles of vanilla. Herein lies our profit. See Mrs. Clipp if you need vanilla for your holiday baking.

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TEAM WORKERS: Please complete your calls at your very earliest. We have approximately 20 family cards which have not been assigned.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving December 4, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

George Bruckman

Myron Cole

10:30 A.M. Service -

William Love

Richard Vanderwall

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Leland Higgins

Paul Kenline

James Kirsch

Virgil Montgomery

10:30 A.M. Service -

Romane Cole

James Cain

James Heavin

Jefferson Young

Thomas Thornberry

John Varner

George Davis

Edward M Smith

DEACONESSES: December 4, 11

Mrs. Hugh Rice

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OPERATION PARTNERSHIP TO DATE

195 commitments have been made amounting to $1087.35 per week. $1800 is our minimum need. We received 23 new pledges; 35 members increased their giving; 10 decreased their commitments from last year.

Members who have not been visited or called upon, please mail in your commitment to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday.

Watch the Church offering listed each week in the Tidings. It will keep you informed of our weekly status. You will appreciate the fact that we need the loyal attendance and financial support of ALL our members. Make your commitment to your Church a "FIRST".

## WOMAN'S DAY, SO WHAT?

ndividual and personal involvement in he total mission of the church is basic nd not elective for each member of irst Christian. It is more than a duty o be performed - it is an essential di- nension of the Christian faith.

The out-reaching mission and wit- ness of the church begins with the heart of the local congregation. It is not ful- illed until it reachers the very "ends of the earth". Woman's Day is a special occasion when the world mission of the church receives specific attention in the pulpit and in the pews.

This annual emphasis is no substitute for individual commitment, but should last the whole year through.

Mrs Caroline Neville Pearre of Iowa City, Iowa, called 75 women from sur- rounding states to Cincinnati on Oct. 21 1874. With her great vision and single- ness of purpose, despite many obstacles the Women's Christian Board of Missions was born.

In 1922 the Women's Christian Board and all women;s organizations of the United Christian Missionary Society banded together to do a more effective work.

Even our name has changed from Woman's Council to Christian Women's Fellowship a more inclusive name em- bodying every woman member of every local church, both in the U.S. and in Canada. You see, the women are the first to see the need of "restructure" to fit the world in which we live. Think of how our mission has grown in out- reach since 1874 when one brave soul shared her vision.

---V.L.J.

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PROGRESSIVE Class Christmas party Hobby Ranch House, No. Anthony, Fri. Dec, 2, 7:00 P.M. 50¢ gift exchange.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

November 27, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 6 | .43 |
| Nursery | 10 | 1.06 |
| Kindergarten | 11 | .80 |
| First Grade | 10 | 1.61 |
| Second Grade | 10 | 2.34 |
| Third Grade | 7 | .30 |
| Fourth Grade | 10 | 2.21 |
| Fifth Grade | 11 | 2.21 |
| Sixth Grade | 11 | 2.21 |
| Seventh Grade | 5 | .75 |
| Eighth Grade | 4 | .56 |
| Ninth Grade | 9 | 1.15 |
| High School | 26 | 4.25 |
| Pairs & Spares | 5 | 4.00 |
| Young Adults | 7 | 3.00 |
| '58 Class | 15 | 10.00 |
| Berean Class | 13 | 2.25 |
| Come Double | 19 | 8.50 |
| Progressive Class | 33 | 17.15 |
| Friendly Class | 18 | 3.80 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 3.25 |
| | 246 | 71.84 |

## 1967 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 1967 Church offering envelopes will be on tables in the Narthex on December 11, 18, & 25. The sets will be in alpha- betical order and your name will be on the box. We urge you to pick up your set of envelopes during this time. check for your name on the box. If you do not find your set of envelopes, please speak to Mrs. Vaught.

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## PROFIT AND LOSS

I counted dollars while God counted crosses, I counted gains while He count- ed losses! I counted my worth by the things gained in store. But He sized me up by the scars that I bore. I coveted honors and sought for degrees; He wept as He counted the hours on my knees. And I never knew till one day by a grave, How vain are these things that we spend life to save. That the riches of all is God's love.

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Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:45 P.M.
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CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sundays
BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.
BEGINNER CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 AM
PRIMARY CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 AM
JUNIOR CHURCH - Sunday 10:30 A.M.

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A CHRISTMAS CANTATA , written by our Director of Music will be given by the choirs on Sunday, December 18, at 7:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary.

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Mrs. Lillian Scott, our organist, is visiting her daughter Gayle, Mrs. Roy Doornbos, in Wisconsin.

November 27, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 283 |
| Church School Attendance | 246 |
| Regular Church Offering | $1158.25 |
| Church School Offering | 71.84 |
| Thanksgiving Offering | 84.00 |
| Building Fund | 1.00 |
| | $ 1315.09 |

Our Thanksgiving Offering to date is - $455.84; our GOAL is $500.00. We will hold open the account for two more weeks so those who have not had opportunity to do so may still contribute to this Outreach program.

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE
$ 23,820.60

100 Members worshipped in thanksgivin on last Wednesday evening.

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Our thanks go to Mrs. Edwin Allen, who planned and arranged the decorations used Thanksgiving Eve, and Sunday, the 27th. They were beautiful.

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Sincere sympathy to the Cruse family who lost their mother, Mrs. Lulu Maude Cruse. Her daughter, Benetta, once served as church secretary here in First Church.

Mrs. Albert Coil is still a patient in Parkview.

Those who were in hospital and have now gone home: Mr. Arza Smith, Mrs. F. J. Worrell, Mr. Elmer Darwachter. Mr. Darwachter has been reported as being ill at his home.

Mrs. Charles Eckert was in Lutheran last week for tests.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## SERMONS ANNOUNCED

The following will be the sermons leading up to Christmas and the New Year, the interim minister, the Reverend Barton A. Johnson, announced:

December 11th, "The Tragedies of Missed Opportunities"
Luke 11: 14-26; Matthew 12: 43-45

December 18th, "Impart Some Memorable Gift"
I Corinthians 12: 27-31

December 25th, (Christmas) "The Gospel Proclaimed by Christmas"
John 3: 16-21

January 1st, (Student Recognition Sunday) "The Never-ending Quest"
Matthew 6: 16-34

Christmas hymns and anthems will be used. This is a time of joy, a time for singing.

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## CHOIR CANTATA

We are very proud of our excellent choirs. We can demonstrate our appreciation of the choir and our leadership by attending the Christmas Cantata. It will be given Sunday, December 18, at 7:30 P.M. The words were written by Miss Blanche Hutto, who was an Art teacher for several years in one of our High Schools, and also taught music at one time. The music was written by our Choir Director, Mr. William L. Wetzel.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Monthly Meeting

Our General meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 8:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary of the Church. The Worship Department is in charge of the program and worship entitled, "The Best Gift" Higdon Group will serve as hostesses and refreshments will be served by the Nelson group. This is a joint meeting of ALL GROUPS. Some of our groups will meet prior to the Christmas program, at 7 or 7:30.

A very short EXECUTIVE meeting is called for 7:45 P.M. in the chapel. One or two matters need to be cleared. Officers and Group leaders, please be prompt. Thank you! Mrs. Vaught, Pres.

Our gifts to the Cleveland Home will be dedicated at our December meeting Our Service project for the month is: Christmas Gifts to the Shut-ins.

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MISSISSIPPI DELTA FOOD PROJECT

First Christian will again be a part of this project. We are asked to bring staple food s to the Church on the 15th and 22nd of January. There will be cartons in the entrys. At the recent Board meeting we voted to be one of four collection centers in this area.

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OPERATION PARTNERSHIP -

Commitmemts have reached 202 for a total of $1144.35; We must complete this project as soon as possible. Please turn in your commitment this week if you have not already done so.

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1967 Church Envelopes will be in the Narthex on next Sunday, December 11 Please pick up your box of envelopes, Check the name on the box to be certain you have yours. Many account numbers change each year. Thank you

Finance Committee

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving December 4, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Ralph Church

Solon E. Merriman

10:30 A.M. Service -

Rolland Ripple

C. Bueford Tharp

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Leland Higgins

Paul Kenline

James Kirsch

Virgil Montgomery

10:30 A.M. Service -

Romane Cole

James Cain

James P. Heavin

Jefferson Young

Thomas Thornbury

John Varner

George Davis

Edward M. Smith

DEACONESSES: December 11

Mrs. Hugh D. Rice

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JUNIOR CHURCH

CHRISTMAS PARTY - Will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 11, from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the Church. REFRESHMENTS will be provided by the parents. The children will eat at approximately 5:15 P.M. and be ready to GO HOME at 6:00 P.M. There will be no GIFT EXCHANGE! If there are any questions please call: Mr. Bill Wilson, 745-2902 or, Mr. John Thompson, 484-2785.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Arza Smith is recuperating at home. Mrs. Albert Coil has returned home from the hospital.

Reba and Earl Fusselman are going to California to visit their daughter and family.

## "MISSION IN ACTION "

I had an experience which meant a reat deal to me. Ruth and I had gone ack to Nebraska to break up father & nother's home. It was ten o'clock at ight when I was called to a neighbor's hone. Stepping out into the heavy fog nade red by the city lights, I was sud-enly aware of geese flying so low and lack against the red fog that one could lmost count them. I listened to the lutter of wings and the voice of the Commander goose. He lead as though e had a goal. He knew where he was going as he lead that flight across the oggy, uncertain night.

There was not one opposing voice. tried to imagine what the pattern of hat flight would have become if some ncertain bird had asserted his leader-hip. This poem by William Cullen Bryant came to my mind:

'He who from zone to zone
Guides through the boundless sky
Thy certain flight, In the long
way that I must tread alone,
Will surely guide my steps aright" -

That leader, in his surety of pur-pose, and his commitment, made a great difference in what happened in the sky that November night.

There is a world of difference be-tween a person who gives luke-warm leadership, and one who gives his or her heart into purposeful living and serving. --V. L. J.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Meeting December 17, at EIGHT A.M. 8:00 A.M. NOTE: NEW TIME! Fellowship Breakfast - Mr. Guy Scheib co-owner of Happy Humpty Drive-ins and Lucky Steer Steak Houses will be the speaker. All men of the Church are cordially invited. Come and join in the fellowship.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

December 4, 1966

| | Att | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .61 |
| Nursery | 12 | 1.46 |
| Kindergarten | 13 | 2.31 |
| First Grade | 10 | 1.69 |
| Second Grade | 14 | 2.50 |
| Third Grade | 8 | .90 |
| Fourth Grade | 12 | 3.03 |
| Fifth Grade | 14 | 3.03 |
| Sixth Grade | 11 | 3.03 |
| Seventh Grade | 7 | 1.54 |
| Eighth Grade | 8 | 1.65 |
| Ninth Grade | 9 | .80 |
| High School | 28 | 4.75 |
| Pairs & Spares | 8 | 5.00 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 15 | 12.00 |
| Berean | 14 | 3.00 |
| Come Double | 16 | 9.50 |
| Progressive | 40 | 22.75 |
| Friendly | 19 | 4.25 |
| Men's Class | 10 | 4.75 |
| | 272 | $ 89.53 |

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Warm congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Richard S. Cole (nee Linda Ashton) who were married by the interim minister Saturday, December 3. The reception was held in Fellowship Hall.

We understand that Mr. Carl Smith wrote the words and music for the solo he sang last Sunday. Thank you, Sir!

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Vanderwall will return Tuesday from a trip to San Diego California.

Mr. Elmer Darwachter had surgery at Veteran's Hospital December 21. He is still in critical condition.

The Progressive Christmas Class party was most enjoyable because of the friendly atmosphere.

Mrs. Fred (Muriel) Wilson has moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to be with her daughter, Carol Funkhouser.

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BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

BEGINNER, PRIMARY AND JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

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"The Chi Rho's will meet at West Creighton Church on December 11, where they have been invited to attend a program given by young Mexicans, who are touring the country. There will be slides shown, native dances and songs. This program is from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Each person is responsible for his own transportation. If you have questions, call the sponsors, or Susan Love, president of Chi Rho.

December 4, 1966

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|---|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | | 353 |
| Church School Attendance | | 272 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ | 2254.29 |
| Church School Offering | | 89.52 |
| Thanksgiving Offering | | 30.50 |
| Christmas Offering | | 5.00 |
| Building Fund | | 117.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | | 6.00 |
| | $ | 2502.31 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE
$ 23, 820.60

## AN OPEN LETTER

Miss Verna Sullivan received a nice letter from William and Fujie King. Mrs. King had many interesting factsto relate about their new home in Denver and about the things of interest they are doing. We are sure that many of our people here would like to have their address: The Wm. G. King's, 3073 So. Xanthia St., Denver, Colorado, 80222. Mr. & Mrs. King were well-loved members of this church before moving to colorado.

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There are some in our membership who have asked for Brother George's address: It is - 3040 Silvapine Trail, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

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## PAIRS AND SPARES CLASS CHRISTMA CANDLE-POURING PARTY

Will be on December 10, at 7:30 PM at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Rice 7001 Premiere Dr.

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Christmas creates "one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth."



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## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Christmas Cantata "REBORN", the words written by Miss Blanche Hutto, a well-known teacher, and the music written by Mr. William Wetzel, our Choir Director, will be sung by our Choirs Sunday evening, December 18, at 7:30 PM., in the First Christian Church. Mrs. Robert C.M. Scott is the organist. Wouldn't you like to bring several friends with you to enjoy the Christmas music?

These persons will carry special parts: Mr. Robert Cocherille; the Hambidge Sisters: Mrs. David Kreischer, Mrs. Robert Cale, Mrs. Ruth Lamb; Mrs. Robert Urich, Mr. Carl Smith, Mrs. J.E. Weicker, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Henry Schryver. Mr. J.E. Weicker will be the narrator; Mr. Dave Marr, Chimes.

This Cantata is a privilege to hear excellent music, and an opportunity to show our appreciation for our excellent choirs and excellent leadership. May we see you?

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## "MEMORABLE GIFTS"

In what direction experiences may memorable gifts be found? What do we cherish in memory? Are the most endurable gifts material?

The Sermon Sunday, December 18, is upon the subject:

"IMPART SOME MEMORABLE GIFT"

How about re-examining your 'values' before Christmas? What really matters to you? The congregation is being given the opportunity to participate in singing favorite Christmas hymns. How many will you bring with you?

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving December 18, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Robert Chevalier
Ronald McVay

10:30 A.M. Service-

Kenneth Edwards
Robert Clipp

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Cecil Beck
Ben G. Taylor
James W. Lehman
John M. Peterson
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Edwin Allen

10:30 A.M. Service -

F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
Dr. James Ruble
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John E. Black
Hendricks Love
Frank M. Moody
LeRoy Timbrook
Herman Weber
Robert Schubel

DEACONESSES: December 18, 25

Mrs. Hendricks Love
Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Breakfast, at 8:00 o'clock next Saturday, December 17. Speaker, Mr. Guy Scheib.

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1967 Envelopes are in the Narthex. If you do not find yours, please speak to MRS. VAUGHT! You will save the Church postage if you pick up yours.

1967 CHURCH OFFICERS .....

At a recent organization meeting of the Official Board the following officers were elected:

Chairman of Board - R.M. Vanderwall;
Vice-Chrm - John R. Thompson
Chairman, Trustees - W. C. Glass;
Chrm. Elders - Ralph Church
Chrm. Deacons - Cliff K. Travis;
Co-chrm, Deaconesses - Mrs. Glenn Miller and Mrs. Rolland Ripple.

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STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY

January 1st, 1967

We say we are interested in our young people who are seeking additional training? Will you please put yourself out to show a sincere personal interest in our young people home from College/ Military training, etc.? Students will share in the worship on January 1st.

The Office would appreciate having the addresses of ALL our young people away at College; we do have some of them but we would like to have all of them. Please call the office.

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IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express sincere sympathy to the family of Claude McKinney; Mr. McKinney passed away early Tuesday. Services were held Thursday at McComb Funeral Home.

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" THE MESSIAH "

The Radio Station WGL will present Handel's "Messiah" in its entirety on Christmas Eve, December 24, beginning at 10:05. The Oratorio features the Huddersfield Choral Society with the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Malcolm Sargent. This presentation is made possible through the cooperation of D.O. McComb and Sons.

PERSONAL MENTION

ILLNESSES: The following friends are known to be ill. (Please check before visiting).

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL -

Mrs. Nel lie Merryman, Rm 466 ... George Warren, Rm. 239 ... Eugene Klepfer, Rm 230; ... Gary Overmyer Mrs. Grace Tharp ... Mrs. Nancy Perkins.

PARKVIEW - Mr. Birkhold's sister, Mrs Iva Bittikoffer.

VETERANS HOSPITAL - Mr. Elmer Darwachter.

Mrs. Merland Heller fell and injured her foot last week. ... Mrs. Walter C. Birkhold has been confined to her home with a heavy cold.....Mrs. James Ruble has been ill but is now recovering. OTHERS recovering: Mr. Arza Smith .. Mrs. Ethel Busch ... Mrs. Albert Coil. Mr Gerald Elser ...Mr. Robert Donohue

HOME-BOUND FRIENDS:

Wouldn't you like to remember these friends at Christmas in some way- a card, or a phone call, or a visit? You friends might phone/write each other. These persons come to mind. Please ADD to them:

Mrs. A. N. Shockney, 4840 S. Hanna
Mrs. Myrtle Drewett, 410 Elizabeth
Mrs. F. J. Worrell, 1125 So. Clinton
Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 E. Columbia
Mrs. W. A. LaPointe, 205 E. Lexington

IN LUTHERAN HOME -

Mrs. Elna Taylor...Mrs. Ollie Wiley.. Mrs. Ripple

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Mr. & Mrs. Clarence (Blanche) Hetrick have returned from a vacation in Nassau.

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ANOTHER ADDRESS:

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. G. Ganter,
212 Garden City Drive,
Monroesville, Pa. 15146

HAVE YOU REVIEWED, YOUR 1966 INCOME TAX STATUS?

About this time of year some folks find they have not made contributions to the extent allowed for purposes of tax deduction. If you find yourself in this group, and wish to take advantage ofthe situation, contributions may be made to the church for a specified use or to the general budget.

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
December 11, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .53 |
| Nursery | 12 | 1.24 |
| Kindergarten | 14 | 2.30 |
| Primary Dept | 40 | 6.73 |
| Junior Dept. | 40 | 8.76 |
| Junior High | 21 | 2.86 |
| High School | 24 | 3.94 |
| Pairs & Spares | 12 | 6.00 |
| Young Adults | 2 | 2.00 |
| '58 Class | 21 | 13.00 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 4.51 |
| Come Double Class | 21 | 10.60 |
| Progressive Class | 33 | 19.50 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 4.00 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 3.15 |
| | 284 | $ 89.23 |

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Cantata, "Reborn" will be broad cast over W.P.T.A. - TV at 12 Noon Friday, December 23. We appreciate WPTA and their Sales manager, Marvin Crouse for giving time to present this music by our Church Choirs. Please accept our sincere thanks!

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MISSISSIPPI DELTA FOOD PROJECT

First Christian will again be a part of this project. The Committee asks that we bring our staple foods to the Church on January 15 and 22. Boxes will be in the entrys.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1966

8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship.

9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School

(Nursery for all services - for Infants and children through 5 years.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:45 P.M.

High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

*CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sundays

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

BEGINNER, PRIMARY AND JUNIOR CHURCH - Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

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*The CHI RHO group are invited to a special Christmas meeting this Sunday, promptly at 5:30, in the Chapel. Don't forget to bring your dollar gift for the grab bag.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY.

December 11, 1966

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 339 |
| Church School Attendance | 284 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1254.29 |
| Church School Offering | 89.23 |
| Thanksgiving Offering | 10.00 |
| Christmas Offering | 10.00 |
| Building Fund | 5.00 |
| UCFA | 18.40 |
| | $ 1277.62 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE
$ 23,820.60

AN OPEN LETTER: A letter received in the office from Mr. & Mrs. G C. Cahow, Coldwater, Michigan, wherein they wish "all the members a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year."

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IN MEMORY!

An offering was given to the Church by Mrs. Thomas Wunderlich, given in memory of her sister, Mrs. Edith Siples.

The large poinsettia placed in the Chanc for the Christmas services is the gift of Mrs. Sidney Cowen, given in memory of Mr. Cowen.

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ADDRESSES!

Mr. John Z. Berlien: 1272 Longfellow Av South Bend, Indiana % Chester Johnson.

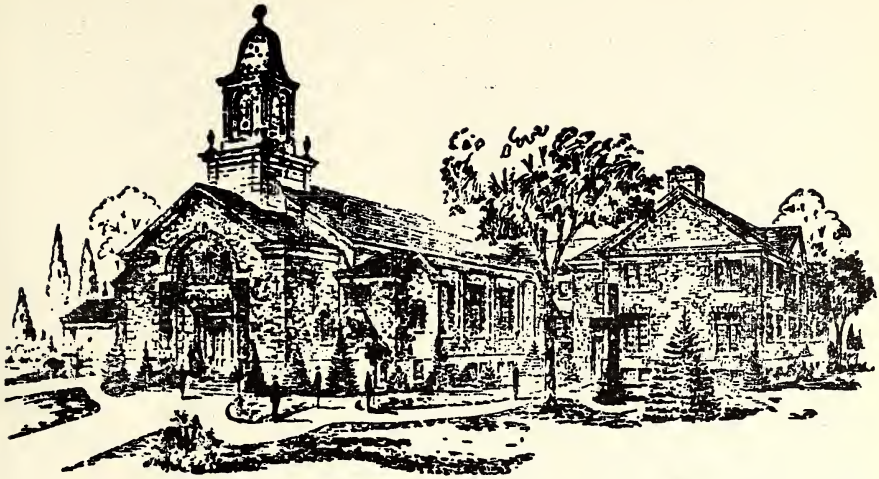
Rev. & Mrs. George Wascovich,: 3040 Silvapine Trail, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

Rev. & Mrs. Barton A. Johnson: 6914 So Fairfield Ave., Apt. D. 46807.

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HAND BELLS

The offering taken on December 18 during singing of the Cantata, will be used to help purchase the long hoped for Hanc Bells. Also, bring your green stamps!!



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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Staff of First Christian Church, wish ALL of you members and friends

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thank you for your co-operation in the Spirit of Prayer".

Your Co-workers in Christ

Mrs. Owen Vaught, Church Secretary
William L. Wetzel, Director of Music
Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist
Barton A. Johnson, Interim Minister

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## A LOOK AHEAD

Sunday, December 25 is Christmas Sunday. The Sermon will be: "The Gospel Proclaimed at Chsitmas". The Scripture is John 3: 16-21.

January 1st is both New Years and Student Recognition Sunday, with students in higher education sharing in the leadership of worship.

You will doubtless have company? Wouldn't you like to bring all of them on both Sundays?

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## CHOIR CANTATA GLORIOUS

The congregation really turned out in large numbers December 18 to hear the original Christmas Cantata, "Reborn". There was 265 in attendance. We

## AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Friends of First Christian:

Merry Christmas everyone!

We wish you the Peace and Gladness of this Holy Advent Season. May the Spirit of our Blessed Saviour attend each of you in great abundance. With you we will carry upon our hearts the brave and heroic men who are away from home serving in the defense of Freedom. May God's richest blessings be yours always.

We recall with deepest appreciation your remembrance of us on our golden anniversary. Your graciousness in letters and gifts and prayers made it a most blissful event. Thanks! This leaves us busy and happy and in the finest fettle, Affecti onately, Josephine and Joel Burgess.

## THANK YOU!

To the Christian Women's Fellowship for the lovely Christmas gift you gave to us at the Christmas CWF meeting, December 13. It was so thoughtful. May His richest blessing be upon each of your homes this Yuletide.

Barton and Vivian Johnson

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At the December breakfast meeting of the CMF , they elected officers for 1967, and enjoyed an "old-fashioned country breakfast" of sausages, hot biscuits, gravy and hot apple pie. Bill Franklin was the chef.

Officers for 1967 are: President- John R. Thompson; Vice-President - Walter Birkhold; Secretary-Treasurer - William E. Wilson; and "Shroud-Shaker Cliff Travis with Merle D. Rice as assistant "Shroud Shaker". The NEXT CMF meeting will be at 8:00 AM on Saturday, January 14. Ron Stoller of the Christian Business Men;s Club will be the speaker.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving December 25, 1966

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

George Bruckman
Myron Cole

10:30 A.M. Service -

William Franklin
Richard Vanderwall

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
Dr. James Ruble
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John E. Black
Hendricks P. Love

10:30 A.M. Service -

Cecil Beck
Ben G. Taylor
James W. Lehman
John M. Peterson
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Edwin Allen
Leland Higgins
Paul Kenline
James Kirsch
Virgil Montgomery

DEACONESSES - December 25 -

Mrs. Hendricks Love
Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse

## ROSE SERVICE -

A Service of BLESSING THE BABIES and dedicating the parents , will be held this Sunday morning at the close of the 10:30 A.M. Worship Service. Those planning to bring their babies to this service, please call Mrs. Vaught in the Church office before or on Friday, December 23rd. We shall appreciate your cooperation in this.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Ethel Busch was in Church Sunday. She is mighty plucky!

John Weicker, Fort Gordon, Ga. is visiting his family, the Jack Weicker's

## IN SYMPATHY

To Mrs. Elmer Darwachter, who lost her husband. He was an Elder emeritus of this Church. Mrs. Darwachter wishes to express sincere thanks to the many friends whose expressions of sympathy, calls and gentle words are deeply appreciated.

Sincere sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs Ward Bundy. On Monday, she lost her brother, Archie Davis, (78) of Muncie Indiana.

Released from Hospital: Mrs. Nellie Merryman, George Warren, Eugene Klepfer, Gary Overmyer.

Among our sick:

Michael Wetzel, Rm. 419 Lutheran.
Mrs. Grace Tharp, 627 Lutheran.
Mrs. Nancy Perkins, 623 Lutheran.

Other illnesses:

Mrs Charles Fuchshuber at home.
Mrs. F.J. Worrell, Mr. Ward Bundy was reported ill last Sunday.

Home-bound friends: Wouldn't you like to remember these friends at Christmas /New Years in some way - a card, a phone call, or write each other. These persons come to mind. Please ADD others to this list ...

Mrs. Ray Woodhull, Glenacres
Mrs. A.N. Shockney, 4840 So. Hanna
Mrs. Myrtle Drewett, 410 Elizabeth
Mrs. C.W. Winfield, 1001 E. Columbia
Mrs. Ellen Buchanan, 1217 McClellan
Mrs. W.A. LaPointe, 205 E. Lexington
Mrs. Elna Taylor, Lutheran Home
Mrs. Ollie Wiley and Mrs. Ripple in Lutheran home.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

December 18, 1966

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .40 |
| Nursery | 9 | 1.17 |
| Kindergarten | 13 | 4.19 |
| Primary Dept. | 27 | 6.12 |
| Junior Dept | 36 | 7.17 |
| Junior High | 27 | 2.40 |
| High School | 23 | 4.39 |
| Pairs & Spares | 13 | 5.95 |
| Young Adults | 3 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 10 | 5.00 |
| Berean | 14 | 4.50 |
| Come Double | 19 | 10.50 |
| Progressive Class | 29 | 14.00 |
| Friendly | 19 | 3.65 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 3.75 |
| | 244 | $ 73.44 |

TO CLASSES and members of the Church - Next Sunday is the Christmas Sunday for our offering for Children and Homes for the Aging. Our goal is $1,100 - We appeal to classes to make their offerings generous so that we may reach our goal, for this most worthy Outreach cause.

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Weber are headed to Florida for a brief vacation.

Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad will also spend the holidays with her sister in Florida.

THE MESSIAH - Radio Station WGL will present Handel's "Messiah" in its entirety on Christmas Eve, December 24, beginning at 10:05.

MISSISSIPPI FOOD PROJECT ... Bring staple goods to the Church on January 15 and 22.

CLOTHING DRIVE - CWF annual project is scheduled for January. Good, clean used clothing or new clothing is needed.

SUNDAY'S SERMON .... "THE GOSPEL PROCLAIMED AT CHRISTMAS" ...

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CHURCH VALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1966

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. -Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School

(Nursery for all services - for Infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary Choir - Thursday 7:45 P.M.

High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

CHI RHO - No meeting this Sunday.

JUNIOR CHURCH - Christmas Sunday the children will sit in Church with their parents.

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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S.O.S. Mrs. Clair Buskirk would appreciate it if she could have one or two adult volunteers to help with the 2-4 yr group next Sunday morning during the 10:30 service. Contact Mrs. Buskirk on Sunday morning, or call her at home, 446-6905.

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are proud of your response, and glad that you expressed your appreciation to our three (3) choirs.

The words were written by Miss Blanche Hutto, art teacher, and the music was written and directed by Mr. William Wetzel. Mrs. Robert C.M. Scott was the organist; Chimes by Mr. David Marr; and Mr. J.E. Weicker was the narrator. The Cantata built up to a moving climax with the massing of the three choirs.

Mr. Wetzel is giving responsible imaginative leadership to our choirs. Thank you, sir.

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December 18, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 371 |
| Church School Attendance | 244 |
| Regular Church Offering | 2032.44 |
| Church School Offering | 73.44 |
| Christmas Offering | 155.00 |
| Building Fund | 2.00 |
| U.V.F.A. | 9.00 |
| Hand Bells | 116.09 |
| | $ 2387.97 |

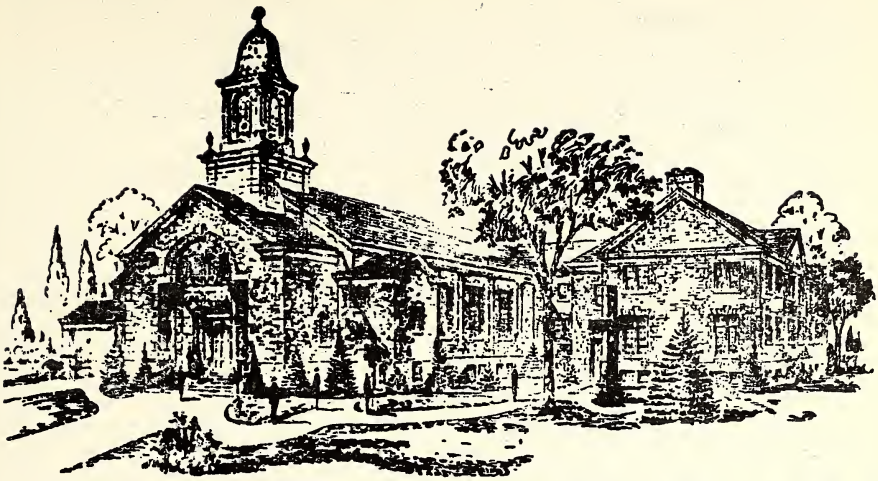
CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE
$ 23,820.60

STATEMENTS for the last quarter of the year will be mailed next week so that those wishing to have record of payment for tax purposes.

REMINDER: Please pick up your envelopes for 1967. You will find them in the church Narthex. If you do not find them please speak to MRS. VAUGHT.

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Word comes that Mr. Sigrist is not at all well.. We send him greetings and best wishes.




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## STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY
## JANUARY 1, 1967

New Year's Sunday, January 1st, will be observed as Student Recognition at First Christian Church. Young people will share the high privilege in the responsibility of leading in worship at the second (10:30 AM) service.

The purpose of Student Recognition Sunday is to give our young people an opportunity to express their growing insights; to feel wanted; to know that the home Church is behind them - close behind!

The sermon subject will be:"THE NEVER-ENDING QUEST", ie., the quest for values, for meaning, for a sense of usefulness. It is based upon Matthew 6: 16-24, RSV.

The sermon will deal largely with 'values'. What do we mean by 'values'? What has enduring worth? Does the choice of our goals, does our approach/attitude have any real bearing upon whether one's life may be useful or wasted?

The following young people have agreed to participate: Call to Worship, John Weicker; Scripture reading, Miss Heather Butler; Student prayer, Miss Peggy Love; talk, from student's viewpoint, Fred Warner.

All you people in higher Education/Military service and their families are particularly invited.

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## SPECIAL 'COFFEE HOUR' JANUARY 1st.

To honor our students in college/military/and in professional training (whether on Fort Wayne campus, or elsewhere), we are holding a special coffee hour immediatly following the 10:30 AM worship. This will give members and

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Ludwig, 2722 Glencairn, Tuesday, January 3, at 9:00 A.M. Program, Mrs. A. N. Shockney; Worship, Mrs. Geo Duncan.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. W. J. Marks, 4705 Lafayette Espl. Tuesday, January 3, at 1:30 P.M. Program, Mrs. Fern Teeple; Worship, Mrs. Henry L. Butler.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Wm Wetzel, 3028 So. Anthony, Wednesday January 4, at 1:30 P.M. Program, Mrs. Terry King, Jr., Worship, Mrs. Walter Birkhold.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. William Love, 341 W. Maple Grove, Wednesday, January 4, at 9:00 A.M. Program, Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain, Worship, Mrs. Earl Plummer.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Walter J. Williams, 6710 So. Calhoun Thursday, January 5, at 7:45 PM. Worship, Mrs. Virgil Montgomery, The Program Committee is charge of the lesson.

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NOTES:

Mr. & Mrs. Hugh D. Rice enjoyed a visit with their daughter, Beatrice, and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Anderson, of Paducah, Ky. He is a chemical engineer with Goodrich Chemical Co.

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin McNamee's Christmas Sunday visitors were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Don E. Hagness, Champaign, Ill; and his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hagness of Milwaukee, Wisc.

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Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Grabill (U. S. Army)(nee Senora Sue Cain, who were married Friday December 23.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving January 1, 1967

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Floyd Morrical
David Hogg

10:30 A.M. Service -

Glenn Miller
Cecil Rice

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. Service -

Donald C. Smith
Ralph Weesner
Herdis Helmuth
Merle Rice
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Garland Morrolf
Dr. James Ruble

10:30 A.M. Service -

Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
John E. Black
Hendricks Love
Cecil Beck
Ben Taylor
James W. Lehman
John M. Peterson
Dempsey Weaver
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Edwin Allen.

DEACONESSES - January 1, 8, 15

Mrs. William Love
Mrs. Ralph Church

COFFEE HOUR -- Fellowship Hall

Honoring our students in higher Education: College, Military Training and Professional Training.

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Friends Recovering from Illness:

Arza Smith, (in Church Christmas, what a wonderful Christmas present!)

Ward Bundy is at home.

Mrs. Ida Mae England is expecting to return to her daughter's home. soon.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

December 25, 1966

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| Kindergarten | 9 | 1.96 |
| Primary Dept | 20 | 6.71 |
| Junior Dept | 15 | 12.61 |
| Junior High Dept. | 18 | 8.58 |
| High School | 16 | 5.06 |
| Pairs & Spares | 6 | 5.00 |
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| 58 Class | 11 | 16.05 |
| Berean | 6 | 18.00 |
| Come Double | 8 | 24.28 |
| Progressive Class | 21 | 102.75 |
| Friendly Class | 11 | 41.00 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 8.50 |
| | 170 | $ 261.47 |

CHRISTMAS GOAL: $1,100.00

We have received to date toward this most worthy cause $536.53. The account will be held open for the next two Sundays in order to give all an opportunity to contribute. This special offering will be used for our Children's Home at Cleveland and our Home for the Aging at Marion.

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THANK YOU NOTE: Mr. & Mrs. James Goins wish to take this means to thank all those in the church who called or sent best wishes , and for prayers on their behalf during Mr. Goins illness.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. & Mrs. Richard F. Stauffer, (nee Agnes Mae Vaught) and their three children, Carolyn, Graduate Nurse, David (a High School History teacher) and Debbie, a Junior High student, visited Mrs. Owen Vaught over Christmas, and attended Church, December 25. Mr. Stauffer is the Principal of Horton-Watkins High School at Ladue Mo.

Others who have been ill and are now at home: Mrs. Nellie Merryman, Eugene Klepfer, George Warren, Mrs. Merl G. Heller, Mrs. Chas. Fuchshuber, Mrs. F. J. Worrell, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Mrs. Wm La Pointe, Mrs. A. N Shockney.

Those in Hospital and Nursing Homes: Mrs. Iva Bittikoffer, Parkview; Mrs. Alice Truby, Moellering Unit, Mrs. Grace Tharp, Mrs. Nancy Perkins, Chas. Moore, in Lutheran Hospital; Mrs. Elna Taylor, Mrs. Ollie Wiley, Mrs. Ripple in Lutheran Nursing Home. Mrs. Ray Woodhull, in Glenacres.

Mr. H.D. (Dale) Shively, one time member of First Christian, has recently suffered a stroke and is ill at home on the Illinois Rd.

Mr. Don Hogan is a patient in Room 228, Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Michael Young, is a patient in room 232, Parkview, having undergone surgery on Wednesday of this week.

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THE COLLEGE YEARS

The college years are very important, and the University plays a major role in shaping the culture of the day. Man's thirst for knowledge and discovery of new knowledge continues to mushroom. The University community is a real mission area of this decade and the next.

The Church answers the call to provide a supportive and aggressive ministry for your college students. University churches and special ministries in higher education work together to provide the kind of ministry and program necessary for the needs of the day. This ministry is being directed to the total college or university, faculty, administration and student. The concern is that the gospel have its impact upon the total education process as well as minister to individual needs of a pastoral nature. The Spirit of God is at work.

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9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School

(Nursery for all services - for infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 PM

High School - Thursdays at 6:30 PM

CHI RHO - There will be a Chi Rho Ice Skating party at McMillen Park, Sunday January 1st from 4 to 6 P.M. with supper at the church afterward. Meet at McMillen Skating Rink at 4 PM and pick up from the church at 8:00 PM. Transportation from the Rink to the Church will be provided. Bring 60¢ for skating and supper.

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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NOTE: "I want to thank the First Christian Church and its members for the privilege of serving as your custodian during the year 1966. May God bless you all. --August Mueller

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friends an opportunity to visit informally with our students, of whom we are proud. We encourage every youth to prepare in advance to make the most o his time and opportunity. Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mrs. Ed. Allen, and Mrs. J.W.Lehman are assist ing in the hospitalities.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The members of the Staff of First Christian Church wish you a Happy an prosperous New Year. If we can be of any service to you in any way, please telephone us - Office, 744-3239.

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THANK YOU - FORT WAYNE FRIEND

We Johnsons were surprised and d lighted to receive so many greetings fr friends within the church and the community. We hope you had a Merry Christmas. - The Barton A. Johnsons.

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December 25, 1966

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 29 |
| Church School Attendance | 17 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1265.7 |
| Church School Offering | 188.5 |
| Christmas Offering | 178.0 |
| Thanksgiving Offering | 5.0 |
| U.C.F.A. | 28.1 |
| | $ 1665.3 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . . $ 23,820.60

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHOIR over Statio W.G.L.TV. Did you hear our Cho give a portion of the original cantata, "Reborn" last Friday Noon? Heart congratulations and thanks to Mr. Wm. Wetzel, the director; to the Choir; an to WGL-TV for the public service rendered.



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## UNSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS SUNDAY

Recently elected church officers will be installed Sunday, January 8, 1967. New officers attending the 8:15 AM service will be installed, as well as those attending the 10:30 service.

The chairman of the Nominating committee, Mr Walter Birkhold, reported as he presented "the new class" of nominees, that each had agreed that, if elected, he would serve, that he would accept his assigned turn to serve as an Elder, or Deacon, or Deaconess; and also serve as a member of the department to which he might be assigned.

Just as our nation and our state depends upon its congressmen and senators to represent it responsibly; so our church, which is democracy in action, depends upon its elected officers to guide it in a worthy manner. A meaningful trust has been entrusted to all our church officers. To whom else may First Christian turn for guidance and to do its work?

As is well known, First Christian has a "revolving Board", that is, an officer is elected for a three year term (or to fill an unexpired term). Then, in order to develop responsible leadership through accepting real responsibility, at the end of the third year, an officer may not succeed himself for one year. We assume that faithful leaders will receive the favorable consideration of the next Nominating committee, and may become eligible for re-election for the next term of office. Our aim is to call forth responsible leadership.

Sunday's Sermon: "FULFILL YOUR TRUST"

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
### Monthly Group Meetings

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. James Ruble, 7615 Breckenwood, Tuesday, January 10, at 8 PM Program by Mrs. Kenneth Hunt, Worship by Mrs. Harold Nordblom.

The NELSON Group will meet in the Church Parlor on Wednesday, January 11, at 8 P.M. Program, Miss Mildred Hartman, Guest Speaker; Worship, Mrs. James Cain.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Mildred Hartman, 301 E. Fleming, Monday January 9, at 8 PM Program, Miss Hartman will review the book, "The Other America"; Worship by Miss Mildred Hutchinson.

## CLOTHING DRIVE

The Annual Clothing drive is the CWF project for January. Miss Heidecker will have cartons in the entrys for your donation. We will need 10¢ per pound shipping charges. Those wishing to give money for this purpose, may do so.

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MISSISSIPPI DELTA AREA FOOD ... This collection will be during this month, January, to be picked up on Monday, the 23rd. Get your gifts of food in before that date. Thank you!

Dept. Community Service & Social Action.

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## CHI RHO

In the near future Chi Rho will be sponsoring a Hobby Exhibit to which each and every member of the church is invited to bring his or her hobby for display and thus share with others your talents and interests. Watch for future announcements.

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Sunday's Sermon:

"FULFILL YOUR TRUST"

Text: Ephesians 4: 1

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
### Officers Serving Sunday, January 8

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Harold Crowder
Albert Powell

10:30 A.M. Service -

Alfred Schell
David Griggs

DEACONS: Melvin Foster, Captain

8:15 A.M. Service -

F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Robert Hendricks
Robert Westerfield

10:30 A.M. Service -

Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks Love
John Hechler
Ben G. Taylor
James W. Lehman
Robert Ogles

ALTERNATES:

Cliff Travis
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Arthur Huddleston

DEACONESSES: January 8, 15

Mrs. William Love
Mrs Ralph Church

GREETERS: '58 Class -for January

Members of the '58 Class will be responsible for having Greeters at the door on Sunday mornings at both services to welcome those coming for worship. Also the Official Board asks that a couple be assigned to the door at the close of the services to invite the worshippers to come again. The Progressive Class will be asked to serve during February; Bereans in March; Come Double April.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

January 1, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .30 |
| Nursery | 10 | .72 |
| Kineergarten | 12 | 2.29 |
| Primary Dept. | 23 | 5.37 |
| Juniors | 27 | 4.08 |
| Junior High | 18 | 1.60 |
| High School | 13 | 2.45 |
| Pairs & Spares | 6 | 4.00 |
| Young Adults | 1 | -- |
| '58 Class | 10 | 5.00 |
| Berean | 8 | 6.50 |
| Come Double | 7 | 5.00 |
| Progressive | 35 | 17.50 |
| Friendly | 16 | 3.95 |
| Men | 6 | 2.75 |
| | 197 | 62.38 |

## IN SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy goes to Dr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder in the recent death of Dr. Crowder's Mother.

We wish to express heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Ruth Cowen who lost her Mother, Mrs. Nancy Perkins, Tuesday January 3. Burial will be at Murphysboro, Illinois.

Word comes of the death of the mother of Mrs. Walter J. Williams, (Helen) who passed away on Friday of last week at Elkhart. We sincerely express our deep sympathy.

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## MINISTER'S INSTRUCTION CLASS.

This Class will begin on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. sharp. These Classes will continue each Saturday through March 11. Rev. Johnson will teach the Class.

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REMINDER: The Annual meeting of Associated Churches, will be held on January 16, with a dinner at 6:30 PM at St. John's United Church of Christ. Reservations due, Friday, Jan. 13.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. & Mrs Earl Fusselman have returned from a train trip to visit relatives in California , including the Ray Barnetts.

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Jan Vanderwall, a Purdue University student had the privilege of seeing the Purdue-U.S.C. Rose Bowl games, Jan. 2

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Steven Bruckman, son of Mr. & Mrs. George Bruckman, 3729 South Drive, a High School youth, is ill at home.

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Mr. Eugene Klepfer continues to recover from major surgery. Both he and Mrs. Klepfer have had a bout with the "flu", but are improving.

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Don Hogan is recovering nicely from major surgery? He may be permitted to return home on Saturday.

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## OTHERS WHO ARE ILL

Mr. Harold Reynolds is a patient in Room 620 Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. John Holderman is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. M. W. Driver is a patient in room 704, Parkview Hospital.

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We were pleased to hear that Mrs. Wiley was able to spend several days during the holidays, with her daughter, Mrs. Homer Stevenson.

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Hearty congratulations to David Hogg who heads the new law firm of, , Hogg Snouffer, Christoff, with offices on the tenth floor (1008) of Fort Wayne National Bank Bldg.

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CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR BENEVOLENCE: One more Sunday to give opportunity to those who wish to give to this cause. Goal $1,100. To date: $660.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1967

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all services - for infants & children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary - Thursdays 7:45 P.M.
High School - Thursdays ay 6:30 PM

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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January 1, 1967

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 258 |
| Church School Attendance | 197 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1399.59 |
| Church School Offering | 62.38 |
| Christmas Offering | 100.60 |
| Building Fund | 44.10 |
| UCFA | 11.00 |
| | $ 1617.67 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE
..... $ 22,729.78

YOUTH WEEK 1967

Youth Week is observed in our Brotherhood, January 29-February 5. It gives an opportunity to recognize and t appreciate ALL the youth of our Churcl Youth in our choir, in our Sunday Schc in the Chi Rho, in the CYF, as well a students. Our Church has a concern for our young people.

Youth Week presents a challenge to young people themselves to rally, to bring their friends; to participate in worthy leadership, and to share their Christian aspirations.

We will start off Youth Week on Sun day, January 29. What contributions ar you willing to make?

We have "something cooking on the front burner" for February 5. Will you help us plan it?

Would you like to include yourself and your friends in our Youth Week; and lend your heart and hand?

REPORT ON STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY ... Some of us may be accu of being partial to young people.

Were you not very proud of our your people on last Sunday? Each student who had an opportunity to participate, made a worthy contribution.

Since we grow as we put forth effort to learn and to share our experiences, last Sunday marked a step forward.

Our splendid choirs rose to the challenge of the occasion, bringing excellent music. Thank you all.

More than one person was struck by Robert Louis Stevenson's startling wor "Every person, soon or late, will sit down to a banquet of consequences."




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## LOOKING FORWARD TO EASTER

Easter comes early in 1967, on Sunday, March 26th. We realize that there are "seasons of the soul" when the tides of the spirit come rolling in. Are we not under obligation to sieze these opportune times?

How best, unitedly, can First Christian Church prepare in advance for the opportunity offered by Easter? Three (3) aspects of the pre-Easter program were approved by the Official Board, January 3rd.

I. The minister will begin the annual Minister's Instruction Class, on Saturday, February 11th. The Class will meet from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M., with the interim minister as the teacher. The class is intended for 3rd year Juniors, and Junior H.S. pupils (6, 7, 8, 9th Grades). You know and approve the hopes inspiring this class. All children who have the backing of their parents, and Sunday School teachers are welcome.

It is understood that each child is completely free to make his personal decision. Becoming a Christian requires so serious a commitment, that it must be the pupil's own choice, so that they will continue faithful.

There will be five (5) class sessions on consecutive Saturday mornings. We expect regular attendance. The classes are to be followed by a "carry-in" dinner, for the parents, the Sunday School teachers, and the pupils, on Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 P.M. at the Church.

II. The pre-Easter series of sermons will begin Sunday, February 12th. (More later)

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
General Monthly Meeting
January 17, 1967 at 1:00 P.M.

The program will be given by the Dye Group, Title: "Danger! Leisure Ahead" Worship by the Kepple Group. The Montgomery Group will serve as hostessesand the McGavran group are preparing a "Dessert Exchange" This sounds good, and interesting. Bring your friends.

Your service project for January is the collection of good clean used clothing. Cartons are in the entrys for your convenience. We should like you to bring your clothing donations on or before our meeting date, the 17th.

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A LOOK AHEAD FOR CWF: We are to have a carry-in dinner on February 21 (our meeting date) at 6:30 P.M. Also February is the month for our annual blanket drive.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is Feb. 24th.

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PERSONAL MENTION

We were pleased to see Mr. Clair Buskirk in our worship services during the recent holidays. Mr. Buskirk is a patient in the Veteran"s Hospital at Marion. Let us remember him in our prayers, and with a note or card occasionally. We are sure he would be happy to hear from us.

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Others to be remembered: Mrs. Elna Taylor, and Mrs. Ollie Wiley, who have residence in the Lutheran Nursing Home, this City. Also Mrs. Ray Woodhull, who is a patient at Glenacres.

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CMF BREAKFAST will meet next Saturday, January 14 at 8 A.M. in Fellowship Hall.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
Officers Serving Sunday, January 15

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
John Merrill
William Crouse

10:30 A.M. Service -
Earl Plummer
Robert Rayl

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks Love

10:30 A.M. Service -
John F. Hechler
Ben G. Taylor
James W. Lehman
Robert Ogles
Cliff Travis
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Arthur Huddleston

ALTERNATES:
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Robert Hendricks
Robert Westerfield

DEACONESSES: January 15
Mrs. William Love
Mrs. Ralph Church

GREETERS: '58 Class - for January

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1967 CHURCH ENVELOPES . . . . .

You have now either picked up your box of church envelopes for 1967, or they have been mailed out to you. If you have failed to recive them, please call the church office. WE ASK THAT you use your church envelopes when making an offering. This will greatly minimize errors on your account. Thank you for your cooperation !

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

January 8, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .32 |
| Nursery | 13 | 2.04 |
| Kindergarten | 14 | 2.64 |
| Primary Dept | 31 | 5.95 |
| Juniors | 37 | 6.45 |
| Junior High | 24 | 2.82 |
| High School | 23 | 3.65 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 4.75 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 16 | 7.50 |
| Berean | 15 | 3.40 |
| Come Double | 23 | 10.00 |
| Progressive | 35 | 38.00 |
| Friendly | 18 | 3.12 |
| Men's Class | 7 | 3.06 |
| | 270 | $ 98.15 |

## CHI RHO HOBBY SHOW

"Do you collect coins, stamps, salt & pepper shakers, antiques? Do you paint pictures, sketch portraits, wood carve, antique flowers, or knit? Come and bring your hobby and share it with others who are bringing theirs to share with you. Every hobby is a source of joy and interest, to the owner and the sharer! Chi Rho's Hobby Exhibit will be held in Fellowship Hall next month. Dust, spit and polish up, your hobby now!

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## MISSISSIPPI DELTA AREA FOOD ...

It has been suggested that you bring your food donation for this cause on next Sunday, January 15.

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## HAND BELLS !

You will interested to know that we now have sufficient funds from the Green stamp collection and cash donations and gifts to purchase the Hand Bells we have so long hoped and worked for. They are now on order and we are anticipating their delivery soon.

## HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR AND PARENTS

are sponsoring a FISH and TENDER= LOIN DINNER on January 20 from 5 to 8 PM. All the fish or tenderloin or both that you can eat for $1.35, adults; and children under 12 years, 75¢. You will recall our concert trip made by the H S. Choir last year and you'll understand why we're having a fish fry, yes, we're taking another big trip this year, destination is Atlanta and we'll need everyone's help to make this venture again. We are expecting 600 people to come to the fish fry, but that is only possible if everyone in the church that can come is there and will bring their friends.

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## YOUTH MAKING PROGRESS

January 8th at 5:30 PM marked the beginning of a series of lessons on "The Church Is Real" Mr. Richard Vanderwall spoke on "What the Church Means to Me" after which came a question and answer period. Worship was directed by Edwin Allen. After a short business meeting, we closed a wonderful learning experience with a Friendship Circle at 6:30.

Those attending were: 'Chip' Allen, Becky Buskirk, Marlene Crouse, Joan Johnston, Nathan Love, Janet Plummer, Barry Nordblom, Julie Quinn, Muriel Crouse, Mike Wetzel, Pres., Mildred Keebortz, Cheryl Franklin, Barbara Hendricks, Greg Allen, Cathy Cole, and the ardent & loyal sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nierman and Mr. Marvin Crouse.

We are looking for all of you who had to study for finals on Jan. 8 and hoping that you will set aside one hour each Sunday eve to think seriously of the Church in your lives. Let us strive for 30 Jan. 15 at 5:30 PM. when Rev. Johnson will speak on "The Church As The Minister See It"

Mrs. B. A. Johnson

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15,1967

8:15 ¢ 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all services - for infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 P.M.
High School - Thursdays at 6:30 PM

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January 8, 1967

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 367 |
| Church S hool Attendance | 270 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1953.22 |
| Church School Offering | 98.15 |
| Christmas Offering | 12.00 |
| Building Fund | 2.00 |
| Hand Bells | 150.00 |
| | $ 2215.37 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 22,729.78

III. A program of calling (Shepherding). For the sake of the entire fellowship, may we most earnestly request each Sunday School Class/Department: (1) to up-date your class roll, with the motive of shepherding the flock; (2) to make every effort to draw into active, joyous fellowship every person you may touch; and (3) please furnish the Church office with a list of names and accurate addresses (and if possible) the telephone number of prospective members. Unless we receive these names, the office will be operating blind.

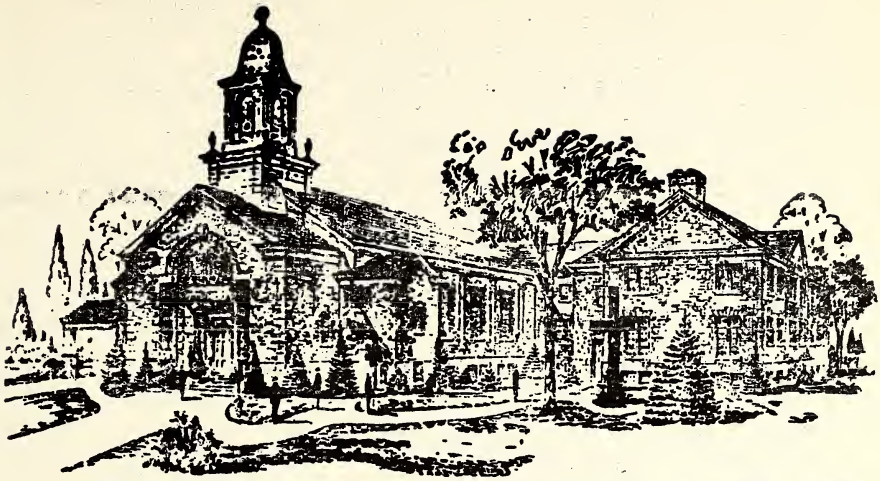
Last fall, during "Operation Partnership", a number of responsible leaders suggested that First Christian ought to repeat our program of calling upon all members, with the emphasis falling entirely upon an out-going Christian concern for persons. This is a challenge to ALL committed Christians to share Christian fellowship. Every person NEEDS a church home, and he needs to participate ; regularly, in order to grow.

When you are invited to become a caller, will you please respons in a positive Christian manner? And will you please join us in prayer that others will help; and many respond gladly?

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ATTENTION! ... Church School Class officers and teachers, department heads, etc., you are respectfully asked to clear all dates whenyou wish to use the church building with the church secretary BEFORE you firm your date.

For your information - Friday night is the scheduled meeting night for the Boy Scout Troop who use the Fellowship Hall.




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"FRONT BURNER"

Sunday, February 5 at 6 P.M. Sharp, "a Carry-in Dinner" for every family in the Church. Bring your basket well filled, your own silver and plates and your WHOLE family, for a real night of talent and inspiration. Let the youth of First Christian plan on 250 parents and children sitting together for food, singing talent and a dramatization, "THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A CHURCH PEW".

A Baby sitter will be in the Nursery!

Sunday, January 22 at CYF, the message will be: "What Are We Looking For in A New Minister". Speaker - Mr. Floyd Morrical, Chairman, Pulpit Supply Committee.

Sunday, January 29, begins "National Youth Week", as observed in our Brotherhodd, with our Youth taking part on the morning services. At 5:30 P.M. the members of CYF will hear Mr. William Wetzel speak on the subject, "Church Music and Its Part in The Worship Service."

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The Minister's Instruction Class will begin on Saturday, February 11, from 10 to 11 A.M. The Class is intended for children and youth in the 6, 7, 8, 89, Grades. There will be five class sessions on consecutive Saturday mornings. Palm Sunday will be "Decision Sunday" for those who are ready.

A carry-in dinner for the parents, Sunday School teachers, and the pupils of this Class, will be on Thursday, March 16, at 6:30 P.M.

1967 CHAIRMEN - BOARDS, DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES:

Trustees - Mr. Wendell Glass, Chrm/
Elders: Mr. Ralph Church
Deacons - Mr. Cliff Travis
Deaconesses - Mrs. Glenn Miller and Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Co-chrm.
Church School Superintendent - Mr. Rolland Ripple
Christian Education Department - Mr. Hugh Rice
World Outreach - Mr. Bert Leversee
Worship & Fine Arts - Mr. George Bruckman
Evangelism - Mr. Kenneth Edwards
Membership - Mr. Floyd Morrical
Community & Social Action - Mr. Merle Rice
Stewardship & Finance - Mr. William Crouse
Property & Care - Mr. John Merrill
C.M.F. - Mr. John Thompson
C.W.F. - Mrs. Owen Vaught
C.Y.F. - Mr. Marvin Crouse & Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nierman.
Chairman, Official Board - Mr. Richard Vanderwall
Vice-Chrm - Official Board - Mr. John Thompson
Treasurer - Mr. Andrew Cook
Clerk - Mrs. Owen Vaught

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NOTE: The chairmen of Departments will meet with the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Clerk and Minister on January 31 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of appointing their committees and discussing program.

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AN APPEAL

May we make an URGENT APPEAL for blood donors for a friend who is a member of our church, and who has had 15 pints of blood? ANY type of blood is acceptable. Please phone the "Blood Bank" for an appointment. Thank you, much!

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, January 22

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Walter Birkhold
Andrew Cook

10:30 A.M. Service -
Bertram Leversee
Richard Vanderwall

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
John F. Hechler
Ben G. Taylor
James W. Lehman
Robert Ogles

10:30 A.M. Service -
Cliff Travis
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Arthur Huddleston
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl Linn
Robert Hendricks
Robert Westerfield

ALTERNATES:
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks Love

DEACONESSES: January 22, 29, Feb. 5
Mrs. Paul Truby
Mrs. Rolland Ripple

NOTE: Deaconesses - there will be a short business meeting on Sunday January 29, in the church parlor immediately following the 10:30 service. Mrs. G. Miller, Chrm.

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SUNDAY GREETERS: '58 Class for January

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Congratulations - to Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Baker, (Nee Darlene Hopson) married in the Chapel, January 14, 5:00 P.M.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

January 15, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .64 |
| Nursery | 11 | .88 |
| Kindergarten | 12 | 2.31 |
| Primary | 36 | 6.87 |
| Juniors | 47 | 7.65 |
| Junior-High | 25 | 3.90 |
| High School | 18 | 1.79 |
| Pairs & Spares | 6 | 4.00 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 21 | 15.00 |
| Bereans | 15 | 5.00 |
| Come Double | 16 | 9.00 |
| Progressive | 38 | 21.25 |
| Friendly Class | 17 | 2.85 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 2.25 |
| | 264 | $ 84.39 |

FISH FRY and Tenderloin dinner on January 20 from 5 to 8 P.M. Adults $1.35; youth under 12, 75¢ Proceeds go to finance the High School Choir's concert trip this spring.

The Junior Choir sang for us last Sunday, thank you! What a great opportunity the youth and Juniors have to learn to sing great Christian music under the direction of Mr. Wm. Wetzel.

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Mrs. B.A. Johnson has been invited to give the Founder's Day address to the PEO, Jan. 21, at the Fort Wayne Woman's Club.

Mr. & Mrs Ward Bundy wish to take this means to thank everyone for their cards, calls and prayers during Mr. Bundy's illness.

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Hobby Exhibit - sponsored by Chi Rho's will be Sunday evening, February 19, Its purpose: to display hobbies of all church members; to raise money for Chi Rho; to interest our members in the Chi Rho youth program.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Sympathy to the family of Mr. Herman W. Sigrist, whose memorial services were held January 12. He was the chairman of the Church Building Committee for our new church, completed in 1952. He gave strong leadership, and most generously to the building fund. He will be greatly missed.

Our sympathy to the family of Mrs. C. W. Winfield who passed away, Monday January 16. Services will be on Thursday of this week at Klaehn's.

Sympathy to Mrs. Charles Speicher, who lost her mother on Christmas Day.

Sympathy to Mrs. Walter Marks, whose mother, Mrs. Alex Anderson, Williamsport, Pa. died on January 4.

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## KNOWN ILLNESSES

Mrs. M. W. Driver will undergo surgery at Parkview hospital this week.

Harold Reynolds is a patient at Lutheran.

Mrs. Grace Tharp, Moellering Unit.

Mrs. Alice Tru by, 221 Moellering Unit Lutheran Hospital.

Latest word - Steven Bruckman is recuperating and is able to be in school.

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REGRETS: We regret that Orville Moody is being transferred to Los. Angeles. His family will remain here until school is out. Also: ..re gret the transfer of the Carl Smiths to Laporte, Indiana. Moreover, we have lost the Elliott Bragg family. They have moved to Iowa. How about reversing this trend? Congratulations to each of you ... We will miss you.

A hearty Welcome to Mrs. Claude (Wonda) McKenney, 215 E. Wildwood who united with this church January 8.

Mr. & Mrs. David Hogg expect to leave for Florida this week for a vacation. Also, Mrs. Mary Dilts is enroute to Fla. for a brief vacation.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1967

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all services - for infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 P.M
High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

Chi Rho - 5:00 P.M. Sundays
CYF - Sunday at 5:30 P.M.
BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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ATTENTION . . . Class officers and teachers; Department and Committee leaders: You are respectfully asked to clear all dates for using the church building with the church secretary BE FORE firming your dates. Thank you!

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MISSISSIPPI DELTA AREA FOOD . . . This week concludes the drive for food for this cause. Pick-up is Monday, Jan 23rd.

**January 15, 1967**

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 356 |
| Church School Attendance | 264 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1413.61 |
| Church School Offering | 84.39 |
| Christmas Offering | 10.00 |
| Building Fund | 1.75 |
| U.C.F.A. | 10.00 |
| Landscape | 10.00 |
| | $ 1530.75 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . . .
$ 22,729.78

Sunday's Sermon -
"WORK AS YOU PRAY"
Scripture: Colossians 4: 1-13

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PERSONAL MENTION

Dwight Flowers, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Flowers, was in church January 8 He has spent seven years in College, and two years in the Peace Corps in Venezuela. Dwight has had training in City Planning and Urban Development in Washington, D.C. He will spend January with the firm of Bradley, Architects, Fort Wayne, leaving the last of January to get his degree in Boston in June of this year.

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INTERFAITH DISCUSSION PROGRAM to DEBUT ON WANE-TV - 15

Frank, unrehearsed and spontaneous discussion between a Presbyterian minister and a Roman Catholic priest will be the hallmark of the new program, "FAITH TO FAITH", which makes its debut on WANE-TV, Sunday, January 22, 1:30 - 2 PM, in color. The lively dialogue will present historic and vital aspects of the Protestant and Roman Catholic faiths.




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## YOUTH SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1967

Youth are very important in the life of First Christian Church. The Christian interests and purposes of youth constitute the trust of the service for next Sunday January 29.

Young people of the High School and Chi Rho will participate in both Services of worship. They have not been asked to serve as Elders or Deacons.

Young people participating in the 8:15 A.M. worship are: Ann Morrical, Susan Love, Kathryn Weicker, Cathy Cole and Becky Buskirk. Please come to the Minister's study by 8:05 A.M.

Youth leadership in the 10:30 A.M. worship include: Cheryl Franklin, Bruce Lehman, Richard Vanderwall, Jr., Edwin Allen, Jr. Becky Buskirk, Julia Quinn.

The Minister;s sermon, "A Lean Soul" will deal with life purposes and values Are your purposes Christian enough, large enough?

Your parents and friends are most cordially welcome.

### YOUTH WEEK SCHEDULE

January 29th, 8:15 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION

(Please see Story)

YOUTH WEEK

February 5th - 6:00 P.M. Carry-in Dinner for Youth and ALL interested friends. Story will appear in next week's TIDINGS. Program of fun, culminating in Pantomime.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ..

Monthly Group Meetings

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Cecil Beck, 5872 Meadowbrook Dr., Wednesday, February 1, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Hunt; Worship by Mrs. Vaughn Brickley.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Cecil Rice, 3402 River Forest, Wednesday, February 1, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Hendricks Love; Worship by Mrs. Henry Schryver.

The HIGDON Group will meet at the home of Mrs. Herman Rorick, 829 Pasadena Dr. Mrs. Ethel Richhart is hostess. They will meet on Thursday February 2 at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Irene Cline; Worship by Mrs. R. Church.

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REPORT REGARDING DELTA RELIEF!

Over one-hundred (100) boxes of food (canned goods) have been contributed by various churches in this area, to the Delta Relief project. In addition cash has been given to cover expense of shipping.

Men from First Christian known to have helped box the food include: Dr. Henry Lee Butler, Mr. Rufus Quinn, Mr. W. C Birkhold, and Mr. August Mueller.

Thank You ALL!

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NOTE: The chairmen of Functional Departments will meet with the Board Chairman, Vice-chairman, the Minister, and Clerk, January 31 at 7:30 PM. at the Church, to appoint committees and discuss program.

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The CHANCEL FLOWERS for this next Sunday are given by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johns, in memory of Mrs. Johns mother Mrs. Laura Gildea.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday January 29

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

George Bruckman

C. Bueford Tharp

10:30 A.M. Service -

William Franklin

Rolland Ripple

DEACONS: Melvin Foster, Captain

8:15 A.M. Service -

Cliff Travis

Walter Keebortz

Homer Stevenson

Arthur E. Huddleston

10:30 A.M. Service -

F. Wayne Rousseau

Carl D. Linn

Robert Hendricks

Robert Westerfield

Delmas Young

Charles Ludwig

Richard Burkett

Hendricks Love

ALTERNATES -

John F. Hechler

Ben G. Taylor

James W. Lehman

Robert Ogles

DEACONESSES - January 29, Feb. 5.

Mrs. Paul Truby

Mrs. Rolland Ripple

NOTE: Deaconesses - Please meet in the Church Parlor, next Sunday, Jan. 29 immediately following the 10:30 A.M. Service, for a short business session. Thank you, Mrs. Glenn Miller. Chrm.

SUNDAY GREETERS -

'58 Class for January

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All who are interested in our YOUTH have a special treat in store on Feb. 5th. A carry-in dinner is planned, with a fine program. Bring your basket of food, cups plates and silverware and join us at 6 PM

MINISTER'S INSTRUCTION CLASS ..

Young people who want to know more of what it means to be a faithful growing Christian are invited to attend the Minister's Instruction Class, which will begin Saturday, February 11 and continue for 5 sessions. The class is open to Third year Juniors, and Junior High School pupils. (6, 7, 8, 9 grades).

The class will meet at First Church, in Fellowship Hall, promptly at 10:00 AM. It will be dismissed at 11:00 AM.

The closing session (6) will be a carry-in dinner for the parents, and teachers, and the pupils in the Class on Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

Children please talk with your parents and teachers about this class. Please give it your earnest consideration. Please come.

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CLASS IN HEBREW!

"In order to broaden the cultural horizon of the Fort Wayne Community, Indiana University is pleased to announce that it is offering for the first time a course in Hebrew, at its Fort Wayne Regional Campus. This will be an introductory course covering basic reading comprehension and conversational language skills. For those interested it can lead to an understanding of the Bible in its original language. Registration for this course will be from January 27 to February 1.

Rabbi Seymour Weller will instruct the course on Wednesday evenings from 8 P.M. to 9:50 P.M. beginning Feb. 1, 1967. For further information, please feel free to contact the Indiana University Regional Campus."

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WEEK OF COMPASSION - One Great Hour of Sharing. February 19-26, 1967. The Goal $800,000; Our goal, $500.00

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

January 22, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .26 |
| Nursery | 10 | .90 |
| Kindergarten | 16 | 2.76 |
| Primary Dept. | 35 | 6.97 |
| Junior Dept. | 37 | 2.12 |
| Junior High | 21 | 3.50 |
| High School | 23 | 4.05 |
| Pairs & Spares | 12 | 5.50 |
| Young Adults | 3 | 2.25 |
| '58 Class | 16 | 9.00 |
| Berean | 9 | 3.50 |
| Come Double | 15 | 7.50 |
| Progressive | 37 | 18.75 |
| Friendly | 20 | 3.75 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 3.30 |
| | 265 | $ 75.35 |

The Union Services Department of the Associated Churches have plans well under-way for the Lenten Services: NOON-DAY LENTEN SERVICES will be held at First Presbyterian Church from February 8 to March 23, Monday thru Friday, 12:10 - 12:30. The First Methodist Church will hold noon-day services on Wednesdays during Lent.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations - Mr. Dempsey Weaver and Mrs. Harriet Vardaman were united in marriage on January 7, at Atlanta, Ga. by the Rev. George Wascovich. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver honeymooned in Miami, Fla. and are now at home at 6221 Sharon Drive.

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ANNUAL YOUTH BANQUET - Feb. 5th Carry-in dinner at 6 PM. Bring your baskets well filled with your favorite dish and your table service. If you desire meat there will be ham at 25¢ a slice, all the coffee and Cool Ade you can drink. Let's have vegetables, salads, pies or cakes from your kitchen.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1967

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 A.M. Church School
(Nursery for all services - for infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 P.M.
High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M. Sundays -Chapel
CYF - 5:30 Sundays - Church Parlor
BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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PRIMARY DEPARTMENT - Parents are invited to visit in the Primary Department February 5, during the Sunday School hour Feel free to come and go as you see fit.

Mrs. John Williams, Supt.

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Mrs. Jack Williams would like to express her sincere thanks and appreciation for the many cards and messages she received at the time of her mother's death.

January 22, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 346 |
| Church School Attendnace | 265 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 972.36 |
| Church School Offering | 75.35 |
| Christmas Offering | 10.00 |
| Building Fund | 2.00 |
| Special project | 359.42 |
| | $1407.13 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 21,633.96

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The CYF will meet January 29, at 5:30 P.M. in the Church Parlor. Mr. William Wetzel, the Church Director of Music, will speak upon, "CHURCH MUSIC IN RELATION TO WORSHIP"

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CHI RHO - 5:00 PM

Worship in the Chapel; crafts in Fellowship Hall following the worship period.

HOBBY EXHIBIT - "The Chi Rho -sponsored Hobby Exhibit will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 to 7:30 P.M. Sunday, February 19. It's objective - fun with hobbies and talents for all, and a donation for Chi Rho, 25¢ for each person viewing the Exhibit. Chi Rho members and sponsors will help set up exhibits in the afternoon. Will YOU join in this venture?"

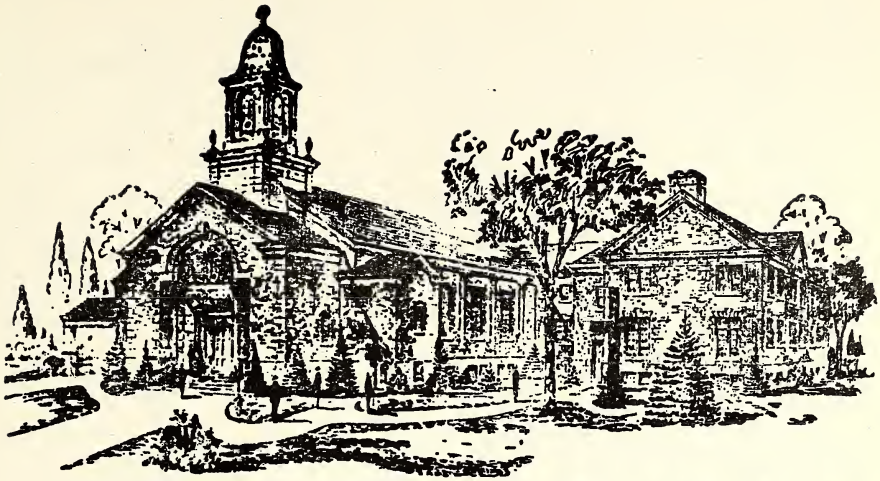
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PERSONAL MENTION

We were delighted to see Steve Bruckman in Church, January 22.

Mrs. Luther Childers, mother of Mrs. Gene Auer, is recovering from major surgery, in Parkview Hospital.

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXV **Fort Wayne, Indiana.** February 2, 1967 No. 18


## CARRY - IN DINNER FOR YOUTH

Sunday, February 5, 6:00 PM, we hope that ALL the youth, and ALL friends interested in young people will bring well-filled baskets of food to Fellowship Hall. Ham will be available at 25¢ per slice. Coffee and Cool-Ade will be furnished.

We want you to enjoy the program our youth have prepared, and to encourage them. The program will feature a "talent show" given by our youth. Mr. Marvin Crouse will be the 'magician'. Mike Wetzel will serve as toastmaster.

A brief devotional centering upon "seeds" will be led by Stephen Duncan.

The pantomime, "The Autobiography of the Church Pew" including 30 persons will be the climax. Mr. Richard Vanderwall, Sr. is the interpreter. Mr. Wm. Wetzel, at the piano, will furnish the musical background. Both will remind you of the family pew in which you grew up.

Next Sunday, February 5, 6:00 PM, is a very important date for ALL of us . Please bring your own table service, so as to eliminate dish-washing. Please select your place at the table and set out your table service.

The favors at the table have been made by the Chi Rho. There will be a "package of seeds" for EACH Family.

Sponsors for the Chi Rho are Mrs. Hendricks Love and Mrs. George Duncan. Sponsors for the CYF are Mr. Marvin Crouse and Mr. & Mrs. Ross Nierman.

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Sunday's Sermon: "NEEDS OF NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS"

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The Kepple Group will meet with Mrs. Rufus Quinn, 3916 Oak Park Dr. Tuesday, February 7, at 9 A.M. Program by Mrs. Gladys Hoop; Worship, Mrs. Quinn.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Mark Snyder, 4709 Schaper Drive Tuesday, February 7, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Hugh Rice; Worship by Mrs. Kenneth Edwards.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Phillip Uhl, 816 Kinnaird Ave. Wednesday, February 8, at 8:00 PM. Program by Mrs. Harold Crowder; Worship by Mrs. Norman Strayer.

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ATTENTION MEN! (CMF)

This coming Saturday may be your last opportunity to attend a CMF Breakfast. Why? Well, when word gets around about the good old-fashioned breakfast we serve, the stimulating Christian fellowship among the men, the outstanding guest speakers, and the Shroud Shaker, we simply won't have enough room for everybody. However, you can avoid this unhappy fate by coming early next Saturday and joining in the fellowship. See you Saturday, February 11 at 8 AM.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. R. E. Firestone in the death of her sister, who made her home in Marion, Ind.

Also, we wish to express our sympathy to Loren Hanks who's mother, Mrs. Olive Hanks, died on January 24.

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Mrs. Ray Woodhull was able to celebrate her 96th birthday, January 28th. Isn't this extraordinary!

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, February 5

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Ronald McVay

Kenneth Edwards

10:30 A.M. Service -

Solon Merriman

Ralph Church

DEACONS: Captain, Paul Truby

8:15 A.M. Service -

Lawrence A. Horn

Robert Cale

Marvin Crouse

Robert Urich

10:30 A.M. Service -

E.M. O'Laughlin

Leon H. Johns

Herbert Banet

Paul Yentes

Max Finkhousen

Ray Loftin

John Clark

Arthur Mowery

ALTERNATES

Frank M. Moody

LeRoy Timbrook

Ted E. Bryan

Thomas Frappier

DEACONESSES - February 5

Mrs. Paul Truby

Mrs. Rolland Ripple

SUNDAY GREETERS - February

Progressive Class

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Miss JoEllen Ganter spent her mid-term with a friend here in Fort Wayne. We were delighted to have her stop by the church office and say, "Hello!"

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Pvt. John H. Weicker is now stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany on a tour of duty.

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Jefferson Young was in Lutheran Hospital this week for tests.

## MINISTER'S INSTRUCTION CLASS ..

This class will begin Saturday, Feb. 11 and will continue for 5 Saturday sessions, beginning at 10:00 A.M. sharp until 11 A.M. The class is open to 3rd year Juniors and Junior High pupils-(6, 7, 8, 9) Grades). They will meet in Fellowship Hall. REGULARITY and SINCERETY of purpose on the part of the pupils, but not registration, are necessary.

The last session (6th) will be a carry-in dinner for parents, and Church School teachers, and the pupils in the class, on Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

We urge our youth to earnestly consider attending this class.

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## YOUTH WEEK

We were delighted with the reverent contribution of our two groups of youth in worship, January 29, the beginning of Youth Week.

We also appreciate the splendid loyalty of so many church people who came to worship, and to demonstrate interest in our young people. Thank you

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Ward Bundy entered Lutheran hospital for 'tests', and returned home Jan. 30.

Gene Klepfer has recovered sufficiently to return to work, and to be in church last Sunday.

The Carl Smith family have now moved to Laporte, Indiana. Carl called at the Church office January 30. We will greatly miss this fine Christian family.

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Mr. Clair Buskirk is still a patient in the V.A. hospital at Marion. He would be pleased to hear from you.

Mr. Jack Flaugh is a patient in room 919. St. Joseph's Hospital.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .57 |
| Nursery | 15 | 1.25 |
| Kindergarten | 10 | 2.16 |
| Primary | 26 | 6.14 |
| Junior | 35 | 6.57 |
| Junior High | 18 | 2.08 |
| High School | 19 | 3.45 |
| Pairs & Spares | 8 | 4.00 |
| Young Adults | 5 | 3.10 |
| '58 Class | 14 | 6.00 |
| Berean Class | 17 | 5.15 |
| Come Double Class | 15 | 8.00 |
| Progressive | 27 | 13.50 |
| Friendly Class | 15 | 3.00 |
| Men's Class | 4 | 1.50 |
| | 232 | $ 66.52 |

## BRIDGE BUILDERS

A few years ago one of our minister's and his family drove to New Orleans on a sight-seeing tour. One of the high points of their trip was crossing over the World's Longest Bridge; the 24 mile-long Lake Pontchartrain Causeway. This bridge is a masterpiece of engineering. It contains 415,000 linear ft. of concrete piling, 325,000 cubic yds of concrete, 23,300 tons of steel, and 40,750 miles of prestressing wire.

This great bridge reminds me that as church members we are building bridges over dangerous chasms of life. Hatred, bitterness, prejudice, jealousy need to be spanned if we would achieve Christian goals. Bridge building is an exciting enterprise. As Christians artisans we must build together, using faith as cables, love as cement, optimism as girders, and stewardship as trusses. Link your hands with those of others who are striving to build bridges for the future. Youth will move across these bridges with music and inspiration. Each will be blessed by our labor and his way made easier by our sacrifices. --Copied

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1967

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 Church School
(Nursery for all services - for infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 P.M.
High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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PRIMARY DEPARTMENT - Parents are invited to visit the Primary Department February 5, during the Sunday School hour. Feel free to come and go at will. Mrs. John Williams, Supt.

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WEEK OF COMPASSION - "One Great Hour of Sharing". February 19-26, 1967 Our church goal is $500.00. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks. .....

World Outreach Department ·

## SCHEDULE OF YOUTH EVENTS

Please Mark Your Calendar

This is YOUR invitation ....

Sunday, February 5, 6:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall - Carry-in Dinner
For Chi Rho and CYF AND their families, and ALL friends interested in Yout
Excellent Talent Show
Magic
Pantimome

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HOBBY SHOW
Sunday, February 19 -5:00 to 7:30 P.M.
Sponsored by Chi Rho
We Hope all will attend

January 29, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 336 |
| Church School Attendance | 232 |
| Regular Church Offering | 814.62 |
| Church School Offering | 66.52 |
| Week of Compassion | 10.00 |
| Building Fund | 1.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 3.10 |
| | $ 895.24 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 21,633.96

WHAT is it?...The Hobby Exhibit
WHEN? ..February 19, 5:00 to 7:30 PM
WHO?... Everyone with a hobby or talent, or who doesn't want to miss the exhibit!
WHERE? ... Fellowship Hall - Cho Rho will help set up your exhibit.
WHY? ...Because you are interested in Chi Rho and other members!

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CHI RHO - are to meet in Fellowship hall next Sunday evening, at 5:30 to help host the banquet.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## PRE-EASTER SERMON SERIES

Herewith please find the theme, the subject, and date of each sermon leading up to Easter, March 26, 1967:

The Theme of the series is - "BASIC CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS"

February 12 - "God's Providence"
" 19 - "The Paradox of Surrender"
" 26 - "The Forgiveness of Sins"
March 5 - "The Grace of God"
" 12 - "Conversion"
" 19 - "Commitment to Christ"
" 26 - EASTER - "Newness of Life"

We appeal to you as a Christian, for the sake of continuing Christian growth please come to worship regularly. Witness by your presence.

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## REPORT OF YOUTH BANQUET

Youth Week closed with an unforgettable "carry-in" dinner, (thanks to you wonderful cooks) in spite of "old Man Winter" an estimated 165 interested persons spent a wonderful evening together. I want to thank all who made the 1967 Youth Banquet a success. Thanks to the Toastmaster; to Mr. William Wetzel; to all the specialty numbers, and to the 30 who pantomimed "The Autobiography of A Church Pew". They left our hearts in a grateful mood that we have faithfully followed the teachings of Christian parents.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. James Ruble, 7615 Breckenwood, Tuesday, February 14 at 8 PM. They will have an Am-Way Products Party. Everyone is invited. But please call Mrs. Ruble, 747-3563, if you plan to attend. Program by Mrs. Ruble; Worship by Mrs. Edwin Hall.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma on Monday, February 13, at 8:00 PM. Program by Mrs. Chas. Speicher; Worship, Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER -- First Baptist Church, Friday, February 10, at 1:30 P.M. Rev. Phillip Philbrook will speak on "Prayer"

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RECEPTION - The '58 Class is having a Church-wide farewell reception for Mr. & Mrs. J. Carl Smith and family; and also for, Mr. & Mrs. Orville Moody and Barbara, at the Coffee Hour following Morning Worship on Sunday February 19, in Fellowship Hall.

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"BOY SCOUT WEEK" February 7-12.. Mr. Fred Smell, our Institutional Representative, the Scout Committee, and the Scoutmaster, Max Papazian, are bringing Troop # 57, (our troop) to the 10:30 A.M. worship February 12. A hearty welcome to the Scouts.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CMF Breakfast at 8:00 A.M. this Saturday morning, February 11, in Fellowship Hall.

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WEEK OF COMPASSION - Feb. 19-26. Theme: "Show Them God Lives!

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, February 12

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Robert Chevalier

Eugene Klepfer

10:30 A.M. Service -

Albert Powell

Floyd Morrical

DEACONS: Paul Truby, Captain

8:15 A.M. Service -

E.M. O'Laughlin

Leon H. Johns

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Thomas Frappier

ALTERNATES

Lawrence Horn

Robert Cale

Marvin Crouse

Robert Urich

DEACONESSES - February 12, 19, 26

Mrs. Herman Weber

Mrs. W. J. Williams

SUNDAY GREETERS - February

Progressive Class

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Lee Fisher was in Lutheran #568 this week for tests.

Mrs. Richard Gumpp is a patient in Room 747, Parkview.

Mrs. Alice Truby, mother of Paul Truby, is looking for a woman to be a companion to her. Are you interested in this type of occupation, or do you know someone who might be.? Please call the Church Office- 744-3239.

## THE TIME FOR ACTION! .....

We have been writing and talking about the special class for "inquirers" The Minister's Instruction Class, for 3d year Juniors and Junior High, will begin THIS Saturday morning, Feb. 11 and will continue for five sessions of one hour each. We will meet in Fellowship Hall near the stage.

Parents, please talk over this opportunity with each other, and with your eligible child. We need your whole-hearted cooperation and your prayers. This is one of the most meaningful services your minister can render.

Each child is expected to arrive at his personal commitment without the slightest pressure. We do appeal to you for your counsel and encouragement. If, after he has taken the Class, your child needs more time, then he is urged to wait until he is able to act in good faith. He is being challenged to make a life-long commitment to Christ.

Now is the time to act. Will you please encourage your child to attend this class. For his sake, he ought to be regular in attendance.

Will you please bring him/her THIS Saturday, February 11, 10 to 11 A.M.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Wayne Braden was in Fort Wayne last week, visiting with her mother and sister, Mrs. Ray Woodhull, and Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull. She left for her home last Sunday afternoon.

Sincere congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Shockney, who celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on January 29, 1967.

Hearty congratulations to Larry and Bonnie Habegger upon the birth of a son, Nolan Dale.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

February 5, 1967

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| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .55 |
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| Progressive Class | 27 | 17.50 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 3.60 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 2.25 |
| | 238 | $ 71.89 |

CHI RHO MEETING: Sunday, 5:00 P.M.

"How is a Christian different from a 'good guy' who is not a Christian? A Guest speaker will answer this and other questions.

### HOBBY EXHIBIT -

Those bringing 'hobbies' and 'talents' to share are asked to have them in Fellowship Hall not later than 4:30, Feb. 19, as the Exhibit opens at 5:00 P.M. All the church membership are invited to view this exhibit. On the way in the viewers are asked to donate 25¢ to the Chi Rho Treasury, and on the way out to pause for cookies and punch, courtesy of Chi Rho!

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### WEEK OF COMPASSION - 1967

Through Church World Service we give quick aid when disasters occur overseas such as floods in Korea.....Torrential rains in Hong Kong brought additional misery to a city already overcrowded and facing urgent problems of health, education and employment.....

We can help by giving!

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1967

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 - Church School
(Nursery for all services - for infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 PM
High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

Beginner, Primary and Junior Church ... 10:30 A.M.

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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CYF PROGRAM during FEBRUARY ....

February 12 - Dr. Henry Lee Butler and Mr. Harold McGinnis of V.A. Hospital: "What is L.S.D?"
"Why alchohol is an enemy"
"Why Christian Youth should be looking toward help for a sick world".

February 19 - Two of First Christians - "Florence Nightingale". Mrs. Floyd Morrical, with the School System; Mrs. Ross Nierman, Surgical nurse at Parkview.

From Page -1-

On December 19, 1966, I returned to the church where I was baptized. My husband and I quietly stole into the family pew of my youth. What a flood of memories swept over us. As a girl 2-1/2 years, I was taken out of the family pew and outside the Church and was given a spanking by the biggest and mo loving hand I have ever known. Then I was brought back to the family pew to finish out the service. Do you remembe your family pew? For the sake of that memory, let's get back into a Pew at First Christian. Your family pew in your Church is a tie which blesses you. Thank you all for your help.

--Vivian Johnson

February 5, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 329 |
| Church School Attendance | 238 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1544.26 |
| Church School Offering | 71.89 |
| Week of Compassion | 5.00 |
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| | $ 1631.15 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
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CYF FEBRUARY PROGRAM -(Continued

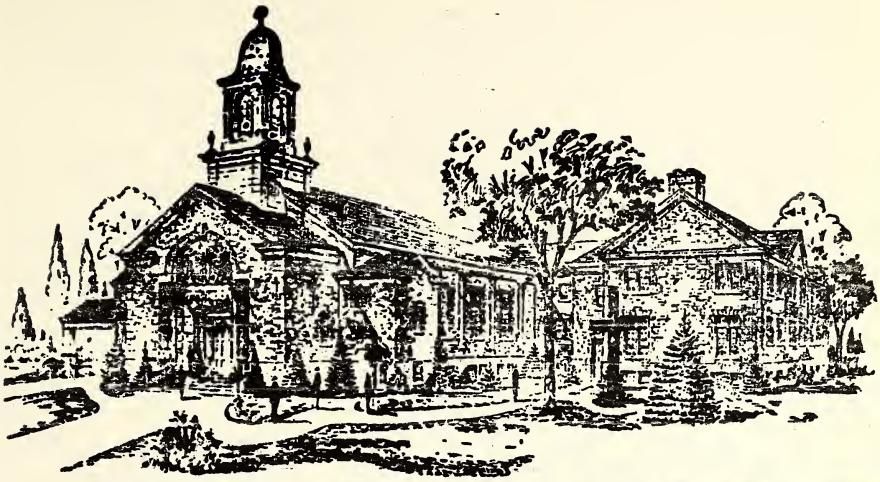
February 26 - All CYF'ers go to Youth Meet, 2:30 to 8:30 PM. Elkhart. We will need volunteer drivers to get the youth to this meeting.

March 5 - "Opportunities in Teaching" Mr. Hugh Rice.

March 12 - "Why I Like 'Telling'" .. Mrs. Kay Jaxtheimer

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## MINISTER'S INSTRUCTION CLASS

Many of you were shocked that only TWO children came to attend the first session of the 'inquirers' Class, Saturday, February 11.

As a minister, I regard teaching this class as one of the most important services possible to render. This is the smallest number within my experience.

DOES two children represent the number interested children of Third Year Junior and Junior High, and their parents in First Christian Church? I cannot think so!

We appreciate the two children who did come, and we thank their parents. The class will continue. These two children are important.

Enrollment will remain open through February 18. But it will close at the end of class on the 18th, because a half-hearted response to God is unworthy and dreadfully misleading.

Either discipleship is MOST meaningful, and it requires our individual loyalty, or, the half-hearted disciple is like "salt which has lost its saltiness."

Christ appeals to you through this opportunity for attention and whole-hearted cooperation.

-- Barton A. Johnson, Interim Minister

Sunday's Sermon: "THE PARADOX OF SURRENDER"

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Monthly Meeting

FEBRUARY 21 - CARRY-IN DINNER- 6:30 P.M. Business and Program at 8:00 P.M. The Fellowship Guild is in charge of the worship; Members of Montgomery Group will serve as hostesses; the Dye Group is in charge of the dinner. They respectfully ask that we ALL bring our table service. The husbands are cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Wm. R. Love is in charge of the program and will review the book: - "Aw Stop Worryin'" See you next Tuesday at 8 P.M.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our "peerless chefs" did make good with a tasty breakfast February 11. We estimate that 30 men enjoyed the substantial breakfast; and the experiences recounted by Dr. Lazlo Szegedy, PhD. (Chemistry), a refugee from the Hungarian Revolt in 1956. The Dr. and his wife were driven from their home with only a suitcase! They struggled and landed upon their feet. They cherish their American Citizenship. Thank you C.M.F.

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WEEK OF COMPASSION ---

February 19 - 26, 1967

Theme: "SHOW THEM GOD LIVES"

The thing really new about the Week of Compassion appeal this year is the urgency of need and the precarious situation in which the world now finds itself. The population is expanding at a terrifying rate. We must begin to cope with this crisis now and minister to the crucial needs of man. Your Week of Compassion offering will help make this possible. The world situation is critical and help for the underprivileged should be prayerfully considered.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, February 19

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

David Griggs

Glenn Miller

10:30 A.M. Service -

William Crouse

Harold Crowder

DEACONS: Paul Truby, Captain

8:15 A.M. Service -

L. Max Finkhousen

Ray Loftin

John Clark

Arthur Mowery

10:30 A.M. Service -

Frank Moody

LeRoy Timbrook

Ted Bryan

Thomas Frappier

Lawrence Horn

Robert Cale

Marvin Crouse

Robert Urich

ALTERNATES

E.M. O'Laughlin

Leon Johns

Herbert Banet

Paul Yentes

DEACONESSES -February 19, 26

Mrs. Herman Weber

Mrs. W.J. Williams

SUNDAY GREETERS - February

Progressive Class

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PERSON MENTION

Mrs. Lee Fisher wishes to thank Rev. Johnson, the Progressive Class and all friends for their many kindnesses, calls and lovely cards received during her stay in the hospital.

Mr. Walter Birkhold is a patient in Room 568, Lutheran Hospital. He is not permitted to have calls.

Young Gary Morrolf, son of Mr. Mrs. Garland Morrolf has been a patient in the hospital.

## PRE - EASTER SERIES

BASIC CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS is the theme for the pre-Easter sermon series, which will interpret some of the central Christian teachings (doctrines). The series was listed in the Tidings, February 9th.

February 19, the sermon will be - "THE PARADOX OF SURRENDER". It states a fact which appears not to be true. Experience, however, demonstrates that that which we most deeply need - forgiveness of sins, - that redemption, that freedom come through self-surrender to higher moral and religious obligations, and through loyalty through selflessness, and surrender to God.

Suppose you do not believe this Christian teaching? Many do not. Come to ponder and to pray.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hilker celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on February 3rd. Congratulations, Fred & Ruby!

Mr. Glenn Miller has been ill at home but is now improving daily.

Mrs. Grace Tharp continues to improve.

Mr. Jack Flaugh has been releated from the hospital.

Our sympathy goes out to Miss Rosemond Schooley and her mother in the recent death of father and husband, Clarence Schooley.

Scout Troop # 57 and their leaders were guests at our morning service last Sunday.

Mrs. M.W.Driver is still about the same. She is in Parkview Hospital.

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Susan Love received superior rating for trombone, and Patty Wetzel for Flute, in a recent Musical Contest. Sincere congratulations to both these young ladies.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

February 12, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 2 | .50 |
| Nursery | 13 | 1.18 |
| Kindergarten | 11 | 2.05 |
| Primary Dept | 26 | 6.06 |
| Junior Dept | 33 | 6.60 |
| Junior High | 15 | 1.91 |
| High School | 21 | 3.68 |
| Pairs & Spares | 3 | 2.00 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 17 | 9.00 |
| Berean Class | 16 | 5.00 |
| Come Double Class | 13 | 6.20 |
| Progressive Class | 25 | 14.25 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 3.00 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 2.50 |
| | 221 | $64.93 |

"H-Day" is Sunday February 19, 5 to 7:30 P.M. This is the day to bring the hobbies you have cherished and to view the hobbies of others. You may bring as many hobbies or displays as you wish. For your convenience you may leave your items in the Primary III Class room after the Church service or bring them before 4:30, as the Exhibit opens at 5:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Be sure your name is with your hobby so your display may be properly marked. Chi Rho members will help with setting up the displays. All viewers over 12 years, are asked to donate 25¢ to the Chi Rho treasury. This is your opportunity to help the Chi Rho in this venture they have undertaken.

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RECEPTION - For the Carl Smith family, recently moved to Laporte, and for the Orville Moody family, soon to make their home in California will be held at the Coffee Hour, following Morning Worship, February 19. The '58 Class are sponsors.

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9:20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
(Nursery for all services - for Infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS :
Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 P.M.
High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.
Beginner, Primary, Junior Church, 10:30
BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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CHI RHO - wishes to thank last Sunday's guests - Mrs. John Williams and Mr. Hugh Rice, who led a study on "Personal Commitment".

CHI RHO GIRLS! Remember to bake 2 doz. cookies each for next Sunday's program. Bring them when you come, at 2:00 p.m., for work.

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The way some Sunday golfers play, they would be better off in church. -N.S.

February 12, 1967

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 348 |
| Church School Attendance | 221 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1004.9 |
| Church School Offering | 64.9 |
| Week of Compassion | 20.0 |
| Building Fund | 2.0 |
| Landscape | 5.0 |
| | $ 1096.8 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ....
$ 21,633.96

CYF PROGRAM during FEBRUARY an MARCH!

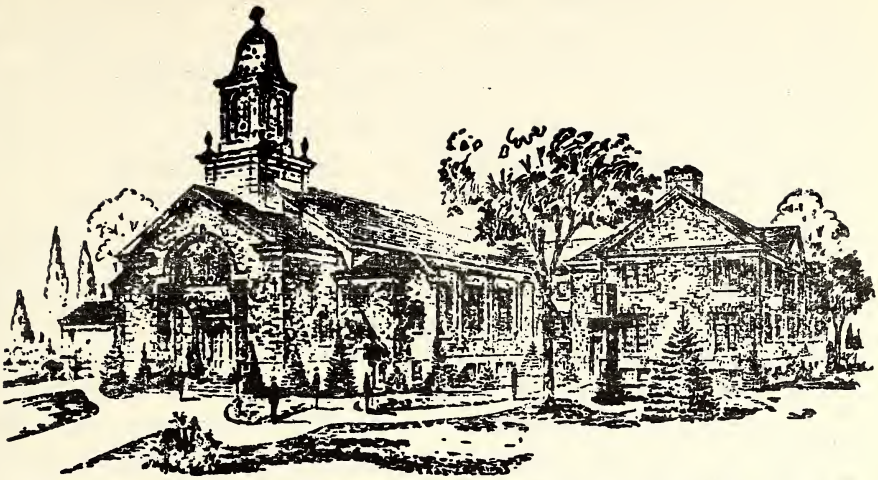
February 19 - Two of First Christian's 'Florence Nightingales'. Mrs. Floyd Morrical, with the Public School System; and Mrs. Ross Nierman, Surgica nurse at Parkview Hospital.

February 26 - All CYF'ers go to ...
WHAT: Mid-winter Meet ...
WHERE: Kendallville ...
WHEN: February 26, 1967 ..
Registration at 2:30
COST: $1.00 to be sent or given to Dave Caldwell, First Christian Church Kendallville by February 20...
THEME: "A New Prospective Through Drama" by Elkhart CYF
They will present two plays:
"They Don't Seem Real to Me" - Malcom Boyd
"The Zoo Story" - Edward Albee
We will need volunteer drivers to get the youth to this meeting.

March 5 - "Opportunities in Teaching" Mr. Hugh Rice

March 12 - "Why I Like "Telling" Mrs. Kay Jaxtheimer

March 19 - Vespers - Choir & Drama "The Challenge of The Cross"




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## WEEK OF COMPASSION

The Week of Compassion, February 19-26, is upon us.

You know the needs which lie behind the appeal for a generous offering, do you not? These needs were outlined in the letter and the enclosure you received last week. Would you like to re-read it?

First Christian's proportion of the need will be met as men, women and children having a generous compassionate disposition share generously in the Week of Compassion offering, February 26.

Please use the special envelope enclosed in the letter, because it clearly indicates the amount you intend to give to the Week of Compassion, and please sign your name. Thank you.

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## "USE it, or LOSE it"

My father was a pioneer in Nebraska. Prairie fires used to sweep wildly across the prairie destroying homes, crops, livestock and hope.

To safeguard their families, the pioneers would plow a great circle about their house and barn. Next, they would set a "back-fire" within that circle, and keep the fire under control. This meant that a burned over area, free from combustable material protected each homestead. The prairie fire would burn around the area, but the home stood protected.

Mrs. Johnson had a long-distance phone call yesterday from a young lady whose parents are about to get a divorce.

What has happened to these two people? They have each gone their separate ways for 25 years. The husband has taken his wife for granted, and he has been

CHURCH ETIQUETTE .....(Sometime ago, THE CHRISTIAN carried an article containing 12 suggestions on Church etiquette. The first 4 were printed in a recent issue)

(5) Do practice relaxation and experience a few minutes of silent meditation. Don't fidget and keep turning around to see if So and So has come. It is too late to do anything about it if he doesn't get there.

(6) Join in the responses and the singing. If you can't sing, at least follow the words of the song-they carry a message.

(7) If you don't care for the sermon be attentive anyway - God might speak directly to you instead of through his messenger.

(8) Don't nudge your wife if you think the sermon hits your dearest enemy. If the minister should see you, he might be distracted by wondering which one

(9) Don't begin to put on your wraps during the singing of the last hymn - wait until the final amen of the benediction. Some person near you might be making a momentous decision.

(10) Maintain an attitude of reverence as you leave the nave. Smile at the stranger but don't try to engage him in conversation until you reach the narthex- well-trained greeters will detain him there until you arrive. Above all, don't call across the aisle to Mrs. Smith to "be sure and remember the club meets with you Tuesday."

(11) Don't engage the minister at the door in a lengthy conversation. It is not important for him to be informed about Mrs. B. being offended because he has not called. But it is important that he speak to those strangers.

(12) As you leave the church fasten in your mind at least one golden nugget of thought that you have gleaned from the sermon, the song service, or your own Meditation. Repeat it often during the week.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, February 26

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Robert Rayl

Alfred Schell

10:30 A.M. Service -

Andrew Cook

David Griggs

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Frank M. Moody

Le Roy Timbrook

Ted Bryan

Thomas Frappier

10:30 A.M. Service -

Lawrence Horn

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DEACONESSES - February 26

Mrs. Herman Weber

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SUNDAY GREETERS - February

Progressive Class

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Hunt, 414 Hamilton Ave., Wednesday, March 1 at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Thos. Wunderlich, Worship by Mrs. R.E. Firestone. *

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Earl Plummer, 401 W. Maple Grove Wednesday, March 1, at 9:00 A.M. Program, Mrs. Herman Weber; Worship Mrs. Ben Taylor.

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(Continued)

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Virgil Montgomery, 716 Archer Ave., Thursday, March 2, at 7:45 PM Worship by Mrs. Paul Truby.

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## MORE INQUIRERS RESPOND

There were six (6) inquirers in the Minister's Class Saturday, February 18. We welcome them.

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## JOY and SORROW

We thank the thoughtful friends who held a Coffee Reception after church February 19., for two splendid families, who have received promotions and transfers. - the Orville Moodys and the Carl Smiths. We congratulate them, but at the same time shall miss them greatly.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Walter Birkhold is making encouraging progress, for which the church is thankful. Doctor's orders still read, "No Visitors." His many friends are praying for him and Ethel.

Mrs. Driver is seriously ill at Parkview. Will you please remember both Virginia and Mike in your prayers?

Mrs. Charles Wrisk is improving following major surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 533. Let us remember her, please.

Mr. Jack Phillips is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. He is a patient in Lutheran, # 328.

Mrs. Dorothy Holderman expects to enter Parkview Hospital for surgery in the near future.

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**PLEASE NOTE: Mrs. Wm. Hunt will entertain her Group at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R.M. Vanderwall, 912 Aylesford Dr.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
February 19, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | 1.10 |
| Nursery | 8 | 1.65 |
| Kindergarten | 12 | 2.16 |
| Primary Dept. | 29 | 5.52 |
| Junior Dept. | 32 | 6.45 |
| Junior High | 16 | 2.44 |
| High School Class | 22 | 3.01 |
| Pairs & Spares | 10 | 5.00 |
| '58 Class | 20 | 10.77 |
| Berean Class | 16 | 5.50 |
| Come Double Class | 12 | 7.05 |
| Progressive Class | 30 | 16.00 |
| Friendly | 18 | 7.35 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 1.66 |
| | 236 | $ 75.55 |

## CYF PROGRAM during FEBRUARY and MARCH!

February 26 - All CYF'ers plan to go to the Mid-winter Meet at the First Christian Church, Kendallville, next Sunday afternoon, February 26; registrations at 2:30 . The theme for the conference is "A New Perspective through Drama" . The Elkhart CYF will present two plays: "They Don't Seem Real to Me" by Malcom Boyd, and "The Zoo Story" by Edward Albee. Registration fee $1.00 to be given to Dave Caldwell.

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Congratulations to Milton and Mildred Jewell, 5111 Gaywood upon the birth of a baby born last Friday.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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(Nursery for all services - for Infants and children thriugh 5 years)

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High School - Thursdays 6:30 PM

Beginner, Primary, Junior Church, 10:30

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

CHI RHO - Worship 5:00 P.M. Prompt! Recreation will be Chi Rho program on February 26.

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Chi Rho's and sponsors wish to thank all who brought displays, and those who assisted, and those who in any way supported the venture. . .Hobby Exhibit ... Chi Rho's and sponsors were gratified by the fun and warmth, and the hobbies. We should all feel very proud of our Chi Rho's. Donations of $17.40 were received.

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dull. She has become increasingly irritated by his indifference, and by some other failings. She, too, has some failings. At a family dinner last Sunday, which the daughter gave to try to bridge the gulf, she said her parents "acted as though they never knew each other."

They have not taken the time to share experiences together; to try to understand and to forgive each other, let alone to continue their courtship! Moreover, they have been careless about giving their faith an opportunity to grow.

They have not taken the time and forethought to create an area of safety, of understanding, of shared interest, and of vital Christian faith within which to live.

The practice of the Christian faith is a moral imperative. Either we live by our faith, or we shall surely lose it - and our hopes.

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February 19, 1967

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 306 |
| Church School Attendance | 236 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1453.26 |
| Church School Offering | 75.55 |
| Week of Compassion | 158.10 |
| Building Fund | 7.00 |
| | $ 1693.91 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 21,633.96

GOOD FRIDAY THREE HOUR SERVICES FOR OUR AREA - First Baptist Church S. Fairfield Ave. and Grace United Church of Christ, W. Lexington Ave, and Waynedale Methodist Church.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

olume XXV Fort Wayne, Indiana. March 2, 1967 No. 24

## "THE MASTER CALLS TO YOU AND ME"

aster is only one (1) month away - March 26! Easter is a time of profound Opportunity and challenge. Because expectation is high, the tides of the spirit come olling in. Just as the tides of the ocean fill inlets and bays, and lift sea-going essels, so that they may launch out to sea, so the tides of the spirit will lift First hristian Church, and you and me, IF we respond whole-heartedly and gladly to he appeal of the Holy Spirit. We believe, do we not, that Christ Jesus wills that ach disciple draw closely about Him, in order that he may grow in faith and usefulness?

Jesus said, " I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" ohn 15:5).

The sermons leading up to Easter are:

March 5, IV, "The Grace of God"
March 12, V, "Conversion"
March 19, VI, PALM SUNDAY, "Commitment to Christ"
March 26, VII, EASTER - "Newness of Life"

Would you like to make a conscientious effort to be present EACH Sunday nd bring your framily and friends? May your church have your cooperation in rayer?

Sermon Subject: "The Grace of God:
Scripture: Ephesians 2: RSV

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Monthly Group Meetings**

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs H.R. Meadows, 4908 Salem Lane, Tuesday March 7, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. George Duncan; Worship by Mrs. Meadows.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Arza Smith, 3113 Lillie St., on Tuesday, March 7, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Opal Perkins; Worship by Mrs. Robert Scott.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs Howard Overmyer, 920 Claybum Dr. Wednesday, March 8, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Robert Hendricks; Worship by Mrs. Donald Davenport.

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CALENDAR for CYF - Sunday, 5:30

March 5, "Salenmanship and Christianity" by Mr. John Thompson
March 12 - Same
March 19, 4:30 P.M. in Sanctuary "The Challenge of the Cross" with The Choirs and Drama Group.
March 26 - Easter
April 2 - "A Life of Promise" Mr. Herman Weber.

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IN APPRECIATION ..

Mr. M.W. Driver and family wishes to express their appreciation and thanks to those of the church who made calls sent good wishes, and for the many kindnesses received during the last illness and death of Mrs. Driver.

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Mrs. Ida Mae England is making progress. She is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. George Paddock, 5104 Northcrest. Mrs. England celebrated her 81st birthday last Monday. We congratulate her.

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PRAYER VIGIL - March 23, 9 P.M. to Easter Morning, 8:00 A.M.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

**Officers Serving Sunday, March 5.**

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Richard Vanderwall
Earl Plummer

10:30 A.M. Service -
Ralph Church
Walter Birkhold

DEACONS - Captain - Merle Rice

8:15 A.M. Service -
Donald C. Smith
Ralph Weesner
Herdis Helmuth
Merle Rice

10:30 A.M. Service -
Charles Speicher
Orie McDougle
Hugh Bassett
Kenneth Gould
William Wilson
D. Wayne Penny
Jefferson Young
Dempsey Weaver

Alternates:
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Robert Hendricks
Robert Westerfield

DEACONESSES - March 5, 12, 19 and Thursday evening, March 23
Mrs. William Conrad
Mrs. Robert Rayl

SUNDAY GREETERS - March
Berean Class

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**BREAKTHROUGH**

TRUTH - shatters ignorance
LIGHT - dispels darkness
MERCY - replaces indifference
LOVE - destroys hatred

The GOSPEL reconciles man to GOD.

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CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday evening, during Holy Week

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

**February 26, 1967**

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| bes & Toddlers | 3 | .73 |
| rsery | 11 | 1.20 |
| ndergarten | 11 | 2.52 |
| imary Dept. | 29 | 4.94 |
| iors | 34 | 9.78 |
| ior High | 16 | 3.41 |
| gh School | 24 | 4.51 |
| irs & Spares | 2 | 2.00 |
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| 3 Class | 16 | 12.50 |
| rean Class | 11 | 6.00 |
| me Double Class | 19 | 10.00 |
| ogressive Class | 29 | 14.35 |
| endly | 17 | 3.40 |
| en's Class | 8 | 3.71 |
| | 232 | $ 80.59 |

EAKTHROUGH - Christian Churches Indiana ... will seriously face the ed persons have for the Gospel. The inistries of the church are similar the rld over. The hungry child, whether Asia or America, needs food. Pain d suffering have no racial or nation- distinctions. The minds of youth the rld over are receptive to truth.

a world throbbing in the excitement change, quivering in expectations new discoveries in the space age, yet coiling in fear of thermo-nuclear ar, Christians must find new purpose d courage in their stewardship if they e to serve Christ effectively.

e are involved in Christ's mission. e are workers together with God thru hrist, sharing His gospel with all man nd. With Him we say to the Father, Thy paths, our chosen way."

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he Rev. Laurance I. Neale of New ork: "Joining a church is like taking stance at golf; after that, there has be a swing and a foldow-through."

## PERSONAL MENTION

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weaver into the fellowship of the Church February 26. He is the brother of Mr. Dempsey Weaver.

Walter Birkhold is expected home from the hospital. The doctor still insists he be quiet, and that visitors spend little time.

The David Hogg's are back from a brief vacation in Florida. We understand Mrs. Marie Pritchard has returned to the city after spending some time in Florida.

Several College students were home Sunday on account of mid-semester. We miss you students, and are glad that you come to church when you come home.

### IN SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. M.W. Driver, who lost his beloved wife, Virginia. The Rev. George E. Wascovich, former minister and family friend came from Atlanta to conduct memorial services February 24.

Mrs. Charles Wrisk is improving after surgery. She is in room 533 St. Joseph's Hospital. She is looking forward to going home soon.

Mrs. Cecil Beck has been a patient in Lutheran, Room 336.

Jack Phillips has been released from Lutheran Hospital. He had a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Ernest Tatman is a patient at Parkview Hospital, Room 747.

Mrs. Goldie G. Oberlin, sister of Mrs. Fred Hilker, is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

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The cross is the center of the world's history. The incarnation of Christ and the crucifixion of our Lord are the pivot round which all the events of the ages revolve. --A. Maclaren

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20 to 10:20 A.M. - Church School
Nursery for all sevices - for Infants
and children through 5 years)

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Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 PM
High School - Thursdays 6:30 P.M.

ginner, Primary, Junior Church, 10:30

Y SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

II RHO - Worship 5:00 PM Sundays .

What does Christian Stewardship mean me? "How is God related to my life?" ese are some of the questions to be died in Chi Rho this Sunday evening.)

RENTS, "Please pick up your Chi Rho uth at 6:45 PM".

IURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 20,533.11

## "BEYOND THE SHADOW"

Dr. Jack Finegan writes, "My mother once said that she thought it was surprising that ministers did not more often preach on the text, "Even though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of death" and emphasize the word, "through" The valley of the shadow of death is not a place that men are going to walk into and stay in its darkness and gloom, but a place they are going to walk <u>through</u> . And having walked through it, with bated breath perhaps, and with pain and grief, they shall come through to that which is beyond, where there is ,..... Light.

Our hearts will be lead through music and Drama to remember "The Challenge of the Cross" on <u>March 19 at 4:30 P.M.</u> Vespers.

Our wonderful choirs, under the direction of Mr. William Wetzel, with Mrs. Robert Scott at the organ, will lead our minds to the Challenge of Easter, while our Youth under the direction of Mrs. Barton A. Johnson will lead us to "The Challenge of The Cross".

Please plan to bring your whole family to this Vesper Hour March 19th at 4:30.

--Vivian Johnson

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Feb ruary 26, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 312 |
| Church School Attendance | 232 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1134.00 |
| Church School Offering | 80.59 |
| Week of Compassion | 166.00 |
| Building Fund | 101.00 |
| Hand Bells (Chi Rho) | 30.00 |
| | $ 1511.59 |



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## CHRISTIAN CONCERN IN ACTION

Sunday night, we examined the Sunday School statistics board hanging inside the door of Fellowship Hall. Here is what the record shows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sunday School Enrollment | 600 | | |
| Attendance March 5 | 194 | Year ago, Attendance | 362 |
| Sunday School Offering | $52.88 | Year Ago, Offering | $97.31 |

Are you satisfied with this attendance? Attendance suffered March 5th, because of the sleet storm.

Our Sunday School attendance has been: February 5, 238; February 12, 221; February 19, 236; February 26, 232; and March 5, 194.

We have the same splendid teachers; the same excellent facilities. There are still men, women and children who need regular Christian instruction and fellowship. If you want to help build the Christian fellowship, the Sunday School is an excellent place to begin.

The record on the board is trying to arouse First Christian Church to redoubled action!

If you pupils would please lend your presence and your active influence, your whole-hearted help would be priceless!

What might happen to our attendance and spirit if each teacher/department should strive to have 75% of your class enrollment present in Sunday School? Each teacher is an under-shepherd serving the Good Shepherd.

...Barton A. Johnson, Interim

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Dempsey Weaver, 6221 Sharon Drive, on Monday evening, March 13, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. C,D.Palmer; Worship by Miss Verna Sullivan.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Richard Mills, 4650 S. Monroe St., on Tuesday, March 14 at 8:00 P.M. Program, Mrs. Harold Nordblom, Worship by Mrs. Kenneth Hunt.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Breakfast, Saturday, March 11, 8 A.M. MR. WILLIAM WATSON, formerly dean of boys, Central High School, and a coordinator in the Peace Corps, will be the speaker. Mr. Watson will show pictures of his Peace Corps tour, and tell of the needs of the people he served.

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DINNER FOR PARENTS, PUPILS AND TEACHERS ....

All those who have children/pupils in the Minister's Instruction Class, are cordially invited to attend the CARRY-IN-DINNER on Thursday, March 16, at 6:30 PM. Please bring your family and sufficient food to feed them. Also please bring your table service so as to eliminate dishwashing.

The mothers are the hostesses. They will arrange the food, and set the tables.

The 'inquirers' are providing an interesting program, at the table. Other interested persons are invited. We are a family of faith, and wish to encourage our children.

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INDIANA STATE CONVENTION - First Christian Church, Richmond, Ind. April 6 thru 9. Good program has been arranged. You will want to attend. Registration fee, $2.00. Blanks in Church office.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday March 12

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Rolland Ripple
George Bruckman

10:30 A.M. Service -

Kenneth Edwards
Bertram Leversee

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Donald C. Smith
Ralph Weesner
Herdis Helmuth
Merle Rice

10:30 A.M. Service -

Charles Speicher
Orie McDougle
Hugh Bassett
Kenneth Gould
William Wilson
D. Wayne Penny
Jefferson Young
Dempsey Weaver

ASSOCIATES:

Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks Love

DEACONESSES: March 12, 19, 23

Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad
Mrs. Robert Rayl

SUNDAY GREETERS -March

Berean Class

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SYMPATHY to Mr. Robert Hendricks and family in the recent loss of his mother., Mrs. Elizabeth Allen Hendricks. Services were held March 5, in Auburn

SYMPATHY to the family of Charles N Nelson, 212 Third St. whose wife, Lou P. Nelson died after a prolonged illness.

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
March 5, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 2 | .25 |
| Nursery | 7 | .33 |
| Kindergarten | 11 | 3.06 |
| Primary Dept. | 28 | 6.05 |
| Juniors | 30 | 7.40 |
| Junior High | 13 | 3.00 |
| High School | 20 | 1.83 |
| Young Adults | 2 | .25 |
| Pairs & Spares | 11 | 3.50 |
| '58 Class | 9 | 4.00 |
| Berean Class | 10 | 5.75 |
| Come Double Class | 12 | 3.00 |
| Progressive Class | 19 | 9.50 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 2.46 |
| Men's Class | 5 | 2.50 |
| | 194 | $53.08 |

CHI RHO ... Youth are asked to think on such questions as , "What does God have to do with the time I spend away from the Church?" It is a study of stewardship of time.
PARENTS - Please pick up your Chi Rho'er at 6:45 P.M. Prompt. Thank you.

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CYF ... Will meet at 5:30 to 6:30 PM next Sunday, when Mrs. Kay Jaxtheimer will speak on, "Why I Like Telling".

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DAYS OF OPPORTUNITY

Sunday, March 12 - How about a better Sunday School attendance?
Sunday, March 19, Palm Sunday. This is Decision Sunday.
4:30 PM Vespers by the Choirs and a Drama, "The Challenge of The Cross"
Thursday, March 23, 7:30 PM. Candlelight Communion Service. Anthems by the Choirs. A Communion Meditation.
Thursday, March 23 9:00 PM . Prayer Vigil sponsored by the Department of worship and Fine Arts.

E A S T E R
CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS

| CLASS | ATT. | OFF. |
|---|---|---|
| Men's Class | 10 | $ 25.00 |
| Friendly Class | 25 | 30.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 150.00 |
| Berean Class | 25 | 50.00 |
| Come-Double | 40 | 100.00 |
| High School Class | 35 | 20.00 |
| '58 Class | 35 | 50.00 |
| Young Adults | 10 | 10.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 15.00 |
| Junior High | 40 | 10.00 |
| Junior Dept | 50 | 25.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 50 | 20.00 |
| Kindergarten | 30 | 10.00 |
| Nursery | 25 | 10.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Charles Wrisk has spent some time in the hospital. She has been recovering splendidly. She hopes to be home soon. Mrs. Wrisk is the sister of Bud O'Laughlin.

Mrs. Ernest Tatman expected to be released from Parkview.

The 'elusive' Mrs. Cecil Beck is at home. We are glad she is so much better.

Our friend Walter Birkhold is making excellent progress at home. The doctor still encourages him to save his energy. Cards, flowers and letters speak volumes.

Mr. Charles Fuchshuber entered St. Joseph's for surgery. His is in Room 504.

Mr. Glenn Miller's sister, Mrs. Louise Stonebraker is in 308, St. Joseph's Hospital as the result of a bad fall causing a broken hip. By the way, Glenn retired from the General Electric Co. Feb. 28. Very best wishes, Sir.

Mrs. Dal Mayhew, sister of Mrs. J. C. Gerrard is a patient in 410 Lutheran pending surgery.

Mrs. Goldie Oberlin, Ruby Hilker's sister is improving at Lutheran Hospital.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1967

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 - Church School

(Nursery for all services - for infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 PM

High School - Thursday 6:30 P.M.

Beginner, Primary, Junior Church, 10:30

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

CHI RHO - Worship 5:00 PM Sundays.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL - 4 PM each Sunday.

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March 5, 1967

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|---|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | | 252 |
| Church School Attendance | | 194 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ | 1469.85 |
| Church School Offering | | 53.08 |
| Week of Compassion | | 19.00 |
| Building Fund | | 8.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | | 36.50 |
| Easter | | 5.00 |
| | $ | 1591.43 |

PALM SUNDAY VESPER - DRAMA . .

At this season Christ comes to the very door of your heart. Will you let him enter? Charles L. Wallis records the following thought: Once Edward VII and his wife took a walk at the end of the day. In the dusk she turned her ankle and could not make it back to the palace. They saw a cottage not too far away and went there for help. The king knocked on the door. The farmer had already gone to bed. He shouted out the window, "Who is there? What do you want? The king replied, "I am Edward and I need help for my wife. Let me in," The farmer said, "go away and let a man sleep. Stop this foolishness. The king did not know what to do but later tried again. His wife had to have same relief. The farmer now came down determined to throw the man off his porch, When we opened the door he saw it was indeed the king. At once he took them in, and helped bandage the ankle. In coming years the farmer retold the story wherever he could find someone to listen, but he always ended it with these words, "I almost did not let my king in."

Sunday March 19 at 4:30, in the Sanctuary, your Master will be listening, to see if you are a willing bearer of His Cross. The Drama, "The Challenge of the Cross" directed by Mrs. Barton A. Johnson, has the following characters: Misses Julie Quinn, Stephanie Foster, Ann Morrical, Marlene Crouse, Edwin (Chip) Allen, Don Crouse, Richard Vanderwall, Jr. We feel that you will appreciate the experience of being in the Vesper Hour on Palm Sunday.

. . Vivian Johnson




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## PALM SUNDAY IS DECISION SUNDAY

March 19 is 'decision Sunday' for those persons who freely choose to enter into a responsible covenant to follow Christ Jesus, and who intend to welcome Him into the inner-most recesses of their hearts.

We earnestly appeal to each child to talk with his parents, and then to decide what the Lord would have him to do.

Sunday April 2 at 10:15 A.M. the worship service will be given over to an interpretation of the meaning of Christian baptism, to be followed by an original pantomime and the baptism of candidates.

## 4:30 P.M. VESPERS PALM SUNDAY

The Choirs of First Christian Church under the direction of Mr. Wm. Wetzel, and Mrs. Lillian Scott, organist, and a group of youth, under the direction of Mrs. Barton A. Johnson, will join forces this coming Sunday, March 19, to present a Vesper Service (4:30 PM) of Sacred music and drama.

It will also be the first opportunity to hear our new Bell Choir. The drama, "The Challenge of The Cross" is particularly effective. We , by a wonderful attendance can show our appreciation for our splendid choirs; and encourage our youth.

The Vespers will replace the CYF and Chi Rho. Would you like to bring the whole family?

Sunday's Sermon: Series VI. "COMMITMENT TO CHRIST"
Scripture - Colossians 3: 1-17

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Meeting -Mar. 21

Executive at 12:40 in Chapel, followed by the EASTER MEDITATIOn in the Church Parlor at 1:00 P.M. A short business meeting will precede the program.

The Theme: "Sent Forth With Power"

Those participating - Mrs. James Knight, Mrs. H. R. Meadows, Mrs. Geo. Duncan, Mrs. W. J. Williams, Mrs. Max Finkhousen, Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mrs. H. P. Love, Mrs. B. A. Johnson, Mrs. Wm. Love. Music - Mrs. H. P. Love, Mrs. S. E. Merriman, Mrs. Robt. Scott. Hostesses - Mrs. Rufus Quinn, Mrs. Robt. Rayl.

The EASTER gifts for our Shut-ins are to be taken the day of the meeting March 21. The committee in charge will have them ready for you at this time.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Walter Birkhold wishes to express his sincere thanks and appreciation to all who remembered him with cards, calls, flowers and well wishes during his recent stay in the hospital.

Friends who are recovering nicely include: Mrs. Goldie Oberlin, Lutheran; Mrs. Mae Bennett; Mrs. Lillian Stonebraker, St. Joseph's; Walter Birkhold at home.

Gregory Allen dislocated his elbow. He is able to be about.

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SERIES OF STUDY ON "RESTRUCTURE" will be sponsored by the Elders for the several Sundays, beginning April 2. All interested persons are invited to attend these study classes each Sunday evening Restructure is a matter of great importance in our Brotherhood today. Come and learn more about its meaning for us.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Palm Sunday, March 19

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Robert Chevalier

William Franklin

10:30 A.M. Service -

Eugene Klepfer

Ronald McVay

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -

Donald C. Smith

Ralph Weesner

Herdis G. Helmuth

Merle Rice

10:30 A.M. Service -

Charles Speicher

Orie McDougle

C. Hugh Bassett

Kenneth Gould

F. Wayne Rousseau

Carl D. Linn

Robert Hendricks

Robert Westerfield

ALTERNATES -

John Hechler

Ben Taylor

James Lehman

Robert Ogles

DEACONESSES: March 19, 23.

Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad

Mrs. Robert Rayl

SUNDAY GREETERS - March

Berean Class

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TIME CHANGE ....NOTE!

The Church School and Morning Worship hour will be changed beginning April 2. to Church School 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. ONE SERVICE.

SUMMER SCHEDULE - June, July and August - Church School 8:30 A.M. Prelude, 9:40; Morning Worship 9:45.

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
March 12, 1967

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .30 |
| Nursery | 14 | 2.34 |
| Kindergarten | 15 | 1.94 |
| Primary Dept | 30 | 4.72 |
| Junior Dept | 36 | 7.98 |
| Junior High | 18 | 3.74 |
| High School | 25 | 4.01 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 5.50 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 16 | 9.00 |
| Berean | 13 | 4.50 |
| Come Double | 18 | 11.75 |
| Progressive | 32 | 20.75 |
| Friendly | 16 | 3.50 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 4.75 |
| | 254 | $85.80 |

CHI RHO - Will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. The Chi Rho members and sponsors wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Harley Meadows, Theresa and Pamela for hosting a recent Chi Rho party.

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GOOD FRIDAY THREE HOUR SERVICE
We urge our members to attend one of the Three Hour Good Friday services. They will be held at the Grace United Church on West Lexington at Webster for those in our area. Please check the local newspaper for other places of worship.

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IN SYMPATHY

We express our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Matlock, (nee Sharon Corkwell) in the loss of their newly born infant. The baby was born earlier this week, prematurely.

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Also Sincere sympathy to Mr. Harry Birkhold, who lost his wife Lillian, Mar. 8th. Harry is the brother of our Walter Birkhold.

E A S T E R
CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS

| CLASS | ATT. | OFF. |
|---|---|---|
| Men's Class | 10 | $ 25.00 |
| Friendly Class | 25 | 30.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 150.00 |
| Berean Class | 25 | 50.00 |
| Come-Double | 40 | 100.00 |
| High School Class | 35 | 20.00 |
| '58 Class | 35 | 50.00 |
| Young Adults | 10 | 10.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 15.00 |
| Junior High | 40 | 10.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 50 | 25.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 50 | 20.00 |
| Kindergarten | 30 | 10.00 |
| Nursery | 25 | 10.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |

LILIES! LILIES! LILIES! for EASTER!

Would you like to furnish a lily plant in memory of a loved one, for Easter Sunday morning to help beautify our chancel? The lilies may be removed from the church by the donors after the morning worship. Please attach a card with your name and the name of person or persons who are being memorialized, so that we can make proper recognition.

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Mrs. George (Ella) Meyers, lately a resident in the Emily Flinn Home, passed away. Her funeral was held at the Home. She was brought for burial to the IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Ind, March 11th. She was a marvelous Christian, a beloved teacher and a good friend.

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CYF REPORT: The CYF and Cho Rho youth with the help of the Choirs are bringing you to the foot of the Cross Palm Sunday at 4:30 in the Sanctuary. Please come closer, hear what He has to say to you thru the words of the Evangel.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1967

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:20 to 10:20 - Church School
(Nursery for all services - for Infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 P.M.
High School - Thursdays 6:30 P.M.
Bell Choir - 4:00 P.M. each Sunday

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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CYF & CHI RHO - Vespers in lieu of their regular worship hour. Palm Sunday.

JUNIOR CHURCH - There will not be a Junior Church on Palm Sunday and Easter.

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TIME CHANGE - MORNING WORSHIP - Beginning Sunday, APRIL 2, CHURCH SCHOOL will begin at 9:00 A.M. and MORNING WORSHIP (ONE SERVICE) will be held at 10:15 A.M. This was the decision of the Official Board at its March meeting.

March 12, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 330 |
| Church School Attendance | 254 |
| Regular Church Offering | $1855.45 |
| Church School Offering | 85.80 |
| Week of Compassion | 2.00 |
| Building Fund | 2.00 |
| 30 Pieces of Silver (Easter) | 3.00 |
| | $ 1948.25 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 20,533.11

## CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION . . . THURSDAY, MARCH 23 .....

Thursday, March 23, commemorates the institution of the Last Supper by our Lord, in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, so many years ago. Every Christian and any friend is heartily welcome to share in this reverent service of remembrance at 7:30 P.M.

The Choirs will sing and also lead the congregation in appropriate hymns.

There will be a brief meditation preceded by Mark's account of the institution of the Last Supper.

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## PRAYER VIGIL

The Prayer Vigil will begin at 9:00 PM Thursday, March 23 , and continue to 7:30 A.M. Easter Morning. The Praye Hour Chart is in Fellowship Hall and members are requested to sign up for the time they would like to serve and share in this most meaningful service.

This is a continual Chair of Prayer when we come at our appointed time to relieve the one present in the Chapel, that our prayers to our God may be unceasing during this time. We shall pray for our sick, our ministers, our church, and for those everywhere who are in nee of prayer. PLEASE SIGN NOW!



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## MARCH 26, EASTER SUNDAY

There will be TWO worship services Easter, March 26; 8:15 & 10:30 A.M. We are appealing to you, as a sincere Christian, to make every conscientious effort to come to renew your covenant of discipleship on Easter. Will you please go the second mile - inviting and bringing your whole family and as many friends and absentees as you know? Your personal invitation to them is a reasonable Christian service.

Easter music will be provided by the choirs. The minister will speak upon the theme: "NEWNESS OF LIFE" with Scripture from Romans 6.

Will you please pray that God may use us, and this opportunity to advance the cause of Christ?

## REPORT ON PALM SUNDAY

The church was beautifully decorated with palms. The choirs were at their best. 92 attended the 8:15 A.M. Worship; 333 were present for the 10:30 AM Worship Service. There were six additions:
Mr. and Mrs. Ross E. Nierman, Miss Cindy Hunt, Miss Carolyn Hendricks, Joseph Snouffer and Jimmy Taylor.

## BAPTISMS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 2

After consideration by the Official Board, it was decided that the worship service on Sunday, April 2, will be given over to an interpretation of the meaning and responsibilities accompanying Christian baptism. The interpretation will be followed by the baptism of all candidates. There will be no baptisms on Easter.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Evans, former members, now residing in Nappanee, attended the Vesper Service, March 19. We appreciate the large number of visitors.

Mrs. Goldie Oberlin, sister of Mrs. Fred Hilker, has returned to her home.

Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Pearl Koegel, 1222 W. Jefferson, whose son-in-law, Mr. Elmer Wilkins died. His funeral was March 20.

Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Merle Shinn whose husband died Sunday night. Memorial services were held March 22.

Cadet Charles Snouffer of Howe Military School was in church with his parents and grandparents, March 19.

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Uhl enjoyed visits from both his parents and her patents. How nice!

Congratulations to Mrs. Paul Brown upon the birth of her fourth daughter, Paula Jean, on March 16.

Rev. Joseph B. Fitch, formerly a member of this Church, attended worship services March 19. He was one of our 'Timothy's'.

Mrs. A.P. (Sherry Cole) Wilson was a patient this week at Lutheran Hosp.

Mr. Romane Cole was a patient in Room 632, Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Charles Fuchshuber has recent been in St. Joseph's Hospital for surgery.

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To remind you - The State Convention will be April 6-9 at First Christian Church, Richmond. Among the outstanding speakers are: Miss Jean Woolfolk, Forrest L. Richeson, William Maness, Dr. Kenneth Teagarden, Dr. J. Daniel Joyce, Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Hennig, Rev. Richard E. Lentz, Dr. Ronald E. Osborn, Rev. F.A. Clark.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Easter Sunday, Mar. 26

ELDERS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
Cecil Rice
Solon Merriman

10:30 A.M. Service -
David Hogg
Ralph Church

DEACONS:

8:15 A.M. Service -
William Wilson
D. Wayne Penny
Jefferson Young
Dempsey Weaver

10:30 A.M. Service -
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks Love
John F. Hechler
Ben Taylor
James Lehman
Robert Ogles

ALTERNATES
Cliff Travis
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Arthur Huddleston

DEACONESSES: March 26, April 2, 9
Mrs. Robert Ogles
Mrs. Glenn Miller

SUNDAY GREETERS - March
Berean Class

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INSYMPATHY - Sincere sympathy is expressed to Robert Rayl in the recent loss of an uncle, Robert Rayl who passed away March 18 at his home in South Bend, Indiana

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Rev. Samuel Joel Burgess, former minister, will enter the Veteran's Hospital at Tucson, Arizona, on March 29, for surgery.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

March 19, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .60 |
| Nursery | 14 | 2.03 |
| Kindergarten | 17 | 2.20 |
| Primary Dept. | 31 | 5.75 |
| Juniors | 36 | 8.64 |
| Junior Highs | 26 | 3.88 |
| High School | 19 | 3.20 |
| Pairs & Spares | 7 | 4.50 |
| Young Adults | 1 | .50 |
| '58 Class | 24 | 11.00 |
| Berean Class | 14 | 8.00 |
| Come Double | 20 | 10.75 |
| Progressive | 30 | 14.46 |
| Friendly | 19 | 3.69 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 3.50 |
| | 271 | $ 82.70 |

WEEK OF COMPASSION Offering .. amounted to $400.00, which has been sent to help the needy of the world.

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PRAYER VIGIL

The Prayer Vigil will begin this Thurs. March 23, at 9 P.M. and end at 7:30 A.M. Easter morning. There are still a few periods open so if you are interested, please sign up.

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A GAIN - TIME CHANGE - For our Worship Services. Beginning April 2 there will be ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:15 A.M. Church School at 9 AM.

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SERIES OF STUDY ON "BROTHERHOOD RESTRUCTURE" Under the leadership of Rev. B.A. Johnson, sponsored by the Elders. This series will begin on April 2, and will, continue each Sunday evening through April. All members and friends are invited to attend this series of study.

## EASTER - MARCH 26

CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS

| CLASS | ATT. | OFF |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |
| Nursery | 25 | 10.00 |
| Kindergarten | 30 | 10.00 |
| Primary Dept | 50 | 20.00 |
| Juniors | 50 | 25.00 |
| Junior High | 40 | 10.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 15.00 |
| Young Adults | 10 | 10.00 |
| '58 Class | 35 | 50.00 |
| High School Class | 35 | 20.00 |
| Come Double | 40 | 100.00 |
| Berean Class | 25 | 50.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 150.00 |
| Friendly Class | 25 | 30.00 |
| Men's Class | 10 | 25.00 |

CYF NOTES

Have you ever seen such talent as our young people have displayed on Febr. 5, "Talent Night" and "The Family Pew; and Palm Sunday, March 19, with the "Challenge of The Cross"? Speaking of the Dramas, were you aware that there were no duplications in the characters who performed? Thank you CYF'ers and Chi Rho'ers. May you use your talents in helping to build God's Kingdom.

CYF will NOT meet on Sunday eve March 26, but the calendar will pick up on April 2 at 5:30 with Mr. Herman Weber, speaking on "Living OnThe Promises" April 9, Dr. James Ruble, "Dentistry"; April 16, Mr. Hugh Rice, "Teaching Profession"

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John Bracy, sone of Dale and Esther Broxon Bracy, and grandson of Mrs. Maude Dinius, is playing the piano in the International Music Center, Paris. He is an accomplished pianist.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 1967

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:20 to 10:20 - Church School - Classes for all ages.

(Nursery for all services - for Infants and children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 P.M.

High School - Thursdays 6:30 P.M.

Bell Choir - 4:00 P.M. each Sunday

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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JUNIOR CHURCH - There will not be a Junior Church on Easter.

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TIME CHANGE - MORNING WORSHIP - Beginning Sunday, APRIL 2, CHURCH SCHOOL WILL be held at 9:00 A.M. & MORNING WORSHIP (ONE SERVICE) at 10:15 A.M.

REMEMBER! BEGINNING APRIL 2 ONE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ...

**March 19, 1967**

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 42 |
| Church School Attendance | 27 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1407.7 |
| Church School Offering | 82.7 |
| Building Fund | 1.0 |
| 30 Pieces of Silver (Easter) | 47.1 |
| | $ 1538.5 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 20,533.11

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The Vesper service at 4:30 last Sunc was delightful, with 200 present. We appreciated the wonderful music given by the choirs, under the direction of M Wetzel and Mrs. Scott. We appreciat the Bell Choir. This offers a fresh, re warding experience.

Youth of the Chi Rho and CYF pre- sented the drama, "The Challenge of t Cross" . They rose to the opportunity i a splendid way. Mrs. Johnson coached the youth.

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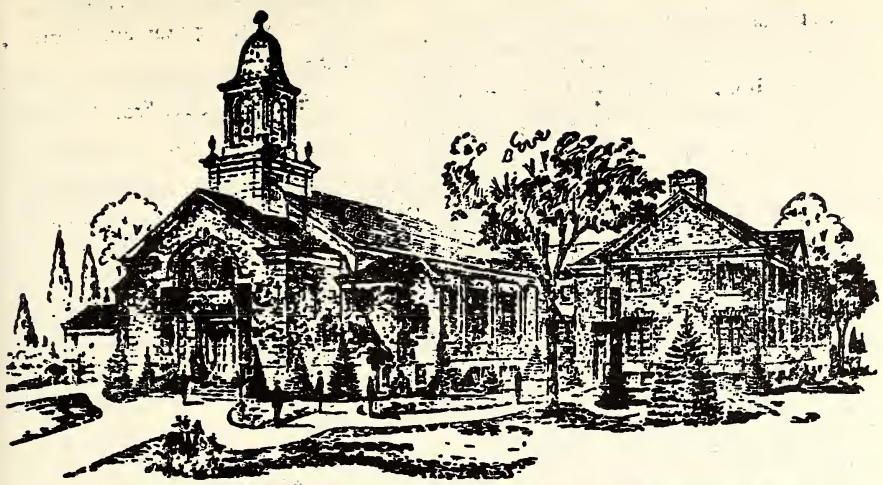
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION .....
THURSDAY, MARCH 23-7:30 PM

Maundy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Last Supper by our Lord, in the Upper Room in Jerusalem so many years ago. Every Christian an any friend is heartily welcome to shar in this reverent service of remembranc

There will be special numbers by th Choirs, and a brief meditation , follo ed by the institution of the Last Supper

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PRIMARY CHURCH - There will be n Primary Church on EASTER, March 26 or on APRIL 2.



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## BAPTISMS, SUNDAY, APRIL 2, at 10:15 A.M.

The worship service Sunday, April2, at 10:15 A.M. (please note the change in time and only ONE worship service) will be given over to: an interpretation of the meaning of Christian baptism; to an original pantomime suggesting the responsibilities and opportunities one accepts when becoming a Christian. and the baptism of all candidates.

The sermon, "WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?" will consider what baptism presupposes; and what it means; and what a baptized person may rightfully expect.

A couple of deaconesses will assist the girls; and a deacon will assist the boys.

Mr. Richard Vanderwall will lead the congregation in Responsive Readings relative to baptism; and the Choir will lead in singing.

## THE AFTER-GLOW OF EASTER

Were not your hearts lifted up by the experiences of Easter, and those leading up to it?

Palm Sunday was a glorious day! There was a splendid attendance. The CWF meditations Tuesday were reverent and moving ... The Vespers Palm Sunday thrilled us with superb music by our choirs; by the new Bell Choir; and the moving drama, "The Challenge of The Cross" given by youth from our Chi Rho and CYF.

According to the count given the office, 180 attended the 8:15 A.M. service, Easter, and 462 worshipped at 10:30 A.M. - a total of 642. There were 321 in Church School. This is more worthy of First Christian's mettle!! The reported Church School offering was $504.

## DID YOU FEEL EASTER THIS YEAR?

Saturday morning the door bell rang. On opening it a Florist handed me a corsage box. Truthfully the thought of "what ye shall wear" Easter had not come to my mind. On opening the box we found a red rose boutonniere for Barton and a beautiful red rose corsage for me. The card enclosed said, "First Christian CYF". How thoughtful of you young people! "Thank you" First Christain Church is grateful to you young people as you led us to the foot of the Cross on March 19th.

Another "thank you" that Rev. Johnson and I want to make public is for the marvellous contributions the choirs made as they made "Easter happen to us", Such carefully chosen anthems, solos, and special services brought the whole congregation to a meaningful Easter experience. Thank you. When a choir can make the listener see Christ trudging to Golgotha, the reverberation of His footsteps beating your very chest, I say this didnt just happen. Everyone of you were feeling what you were singing till you made us Walk where He walked. Thank you, Choirs.

Youth, Choirs, Elders, and Deacons, you have given your Master commendable service. Such order, and dignity, that it is a great privilege for us to worship with you each Sunday.

---Vivian Johnson

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## IN SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Jack Sauerwein , whose father Mr. Silbert H. Pribble, passed away at his home in Warren, Indiana, last week.

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There is a continuing city for the continuing Christian.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, April 2.

ELDERS:

10:15 A.M. Service -

Glenn R. Miller
Robert Rayl

DEACONS: Captain - Melvin Foster

10:15 A.M. Service -

Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks Love
John F. Hechler
Ben Taylor
James Lehman
Robert Ogles

ALTERNATES -

Carl D. Linn
Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Arthur Huddleston

DEACONESSES: April 2, 9.

Mrs. Robert Ogles
Mrs. Glenn Miller

SUNDAY GREETERS - April
Come Double Class

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## FLOWERS IN EASTER SERVICE

The following Easter lilies were given by the donors named, in memory or appreciation of loved ones named:

Mrs. Clinton R. McMaken in memory of Clinton R. McMaken and Mr. and Mrs L. Coleman and family;

Mr. & Mrs. Sinclair L. Raynor, Jr., Long Island, N.Y. (nee Frances Johnson) in memory of Mr. & Mrs. S.L. Johnson and Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Smith, (grandparents).

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chevalier, in memory (2 plants) for Mr. & Mrs. Geo. B. Easton, and Mr. & Mrs. P.R. Chevalier.

Unfortunately, we did not get the names of donors of the other lilies.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
### EASTER, MARCH 26, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 3.81 |
| Nursery | 14 | 3.70 |
| Kindergarten | 15 | 6.26 |
| Primary Dept. | 52 | 28.13 |
| Junior Dept. | 40 | 33.48 |
| Junior High School | 29 | 12.11 |
| High School Class | 29 | 8.06 |
| Pairs & Spares | 5 | 1.50 |
| Young Adults | 5 | 2.40 |
| '58 Class | 28 | 22.50 |
| Berean Class | 21 | 61.60 |
| Come Double Class | 20 | 35.75 |
| Progressive Class | 40 | 239.00 |
| Friendly | 17 | 30.00 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 17.00 |
| | 321 | $ 504.70 |

## PRAYER VIGIL

We express our most sincere thanks to the Department of Worship, Mr. George Bruckman, Chrm., for planning and carrying through this spiritual project.

Also, we thank each person who participated in the Chapel or at home.

We sensed nobler Christian asperation and a sense of personal responsibility. Such an attitude is "the vital spark" which enables the Church to be the Church.

We read over the requests for prayer for persons walking through some lonesome valley. These requests revealed deep and genuine Christian concern for persons.

We wonder if the Prayer Vigil did not find some expression in the wonderful response Easter?

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Mrs. Paul Kenline's mother, Mrs. Melissa Dougherty, is a patient in Rm. 704 St. Joseph's Hospital.

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Our Lord is not seeking compliments but commitments.

## PERSONAL MENTION

There were MANY Easter Sunday visitors, all of whom we welcome, and would acknowledge if we had the names. We missed some stalwarts who went to grandmas.

Among visitors we remember (people go by the door so fast!)are: Miss Virginia Dare, School principal, and attorney, Detroit; Bert Leversee's daughter and husband, Donna and Mel Evans, and children, from Cleveland; the Cocherille family and guests; four persons from Monticello, Indiana; many, many families (the names have slipped! One couple is moving back to Fort Wayne. How is that for a change?!

We rejoice that Mrs. Ernest Tatman has recovered and was in church Easter.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Robt. William Milton II (nee Charlotte Powell) married march 17, 1967.

Robert Weesner, son of the Ralph Weesners is in St. Joseph's Hospital for major surgery. He is scheduled for a second operation March 28.

Congratulations to the Cliff Travis family. He has had a promotion, which makes him legal counsel for the University of Indiana. They will reside in Bloomington.

A letter from the Rev. Samuel Joel Burgess, who goes into Veterans Hospital for minor surgery March 28. He appreciates the news in the Tidings. His address, P. O. Box 35, Green Valley Arizona. 85614

SYMPATHY to Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Streeter(nee Twyla Richmond) in the tragic loss of a little 3 year old son. Graveside services were on Monday. A memorial service will be held in the Church sanctuary on next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 PM

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1967

ONE SERVICE ONLY!!!!

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9:00 A.M. Church School - Classes for all ages.

(Nursery for all services - for Infants and children through 5 years)

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High School - Thursdays 6:30 P.M.

Bell Choir - 4:00 P.M. each Sunday

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

JUNIOR CHURCH - 10:15 A.M.

CHI RHO - Sunday at 5:00 P.M.

"How can I recognize my own talents and abilities?" A talent survey sheet will help answer this and other questions.

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NEW TIME CHANGE FOR WORSHIP AND CHURCH SCHOOL:

RECOMMENDED BY WORSHIP DEPARTMENT: AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY BOARD, EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, APRIL 2.

Easter - March 26, 1967

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 624 |
| Church School Attendance | 321 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 2055.27 |
| Church School Offering | 504.70 |
| 30 pieces of Silver | 314.18 |
| Easter Offering | 176.00 |
| Building Fund | 4.00 |
| | $ 3054.65 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 19,427.22

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Neil Allen, 4631 Thornley Drive, Tuesday, April 4, at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. C.D. Pilts; Worship, Mrs. M.G. Heller.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Stanley Cole, 7430 U.S. # 24, West, on Tuesday, April 4 at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Max Finkhousen; Worship, Mrs. John Hoop.

The DYE Group will meet Wednesday, April 5, at 1:30 P.M. in the Church Parlor, Mrs. Thos Wunderlich is hostess. Program by Mrs. Leland Higgins, Worship by Mrs. Wm. Crouse.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Ralph Church, 5126 Werling Drive on Thursday, April 6 at 7:45 P.M Worship by Mrs. W.J. Williams.

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MANY THANKS! The Department of Worship, George Bruckman, chairman, wish to thank all those who had a part in making our 1967 Prayer Vigil a success. This was a very worshipful experience for those taking part.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## "MY CUP RUNNETH OVER"

A Sunday in the life of a minister is most interesting. Of course there is the regular duty of Sunday School and Church service. Many times a problem is stated at the door as the congregation leaves the sanctuary - a problem which requires an extra conference or two, then there is shaking hands with a rebellious young person who is in the House of God because his or her parents "make me come". You wonder all day long how you can share the valuable Cup that has given you so much help through 45 years of heavy and sometimes trouble filled hours. If one cares at all, he has compassion on the young couple who finally, on an Easter Sunday appear to worship our Risen Lord "who gave His life for us" - but the Sunday after Easter the Cup that seemed so full of devotion on Easter is suddenly emptied while our young couple seeks enjoyment away from His House, not entering the doors until perhaps an emergency warrants it. These things do concern us deeply. Every worshipper is of real concern to us.

After a bite of lunch on Sunday perhaps a memorial service for a "wee one" Our hearts are too full to speak in the hush of that hour spent with real sorrow.

Immediately following we go to the funeral home to console a widow who so suddenly lost her companion of 31 years.

Then the Gospel Chariot heads for the church for the important youth meeting. There we have a terrific message given by one of our devoted laymen, the next half hour is spent in helping a young person find an answer to some problem.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. & Mrs. Johnson have been away for a fews days this week to enjoy a much needed vacation and rest. They will be attending the State Convention of Christian Churches at Richmond. Mr. Johnson will occupy his pulpit on Sunday. Sermon: "LOVEST THOU ME?"

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Steven Bruckman has had tests at St. Joseph's Hospital. He returned home on April 4. Word has come from his family that his tests proved encouraging.

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We welcome Mrs. Lucile Welch into our fellowship, She comes from West Creighton Christian Church.

These children were baptized into Christ April 2: Carolyn Hendricks, Cindy Hunt, and Jimmie Taylor. We welcome them into the Christian fellowship.

Phil Uhl's parents were Sunday worshippers. They come from Marion.

Members of First Christian Church, Fort Wayne planning to attend the State Assembly, Richmond Ind, April 6, 7, 8 and 9, include: Mrs. Charles Dilts, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mrs. Owen Vaught, and the Rev. & Mrs. Barton A. Johnson. Mr. Richard Vanderwall plans to attend a number of the sessions. Resolutions on Church Unity, Delegate Conventions, and Restructure will be consid ered. It is very important that as many members of First Christian as can, attend some of these sessions.

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Mrs. Arthur Mowery was installed as Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star 514, Saturday, April 1, 1967

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A Church advertized for "used" pews. We wish ours were used more.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, April 9

ELDERS:

10:15 A.M.

Alfred Schell
Richard Vanderwall

DEACONS:

10:15 A.M. -

Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks Love
John F. Hechler
Ben Taylor
James Lehman
Robert Ogles

ALTERNATES

Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Arthur Huddleston
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Robert Hendricks
Robert Westerfield

DEACONESSES - April 9

Mrs. Robert Ogles
Mrs. Glenn Miller

SUNDAY GREETERS - April

Come Double Class

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## CORDIAL INVITATION ! !

The Rev. R. Laverne Ervin, minister of North Christian Church, Camden Dr. and Essex Lane, Northcrest, is extending his personal invitation to our people to attend the formal dedication of their new Christian Education Building, on April 16, at 2:30 P.M. The dedication service will be followed by a tour of the new building and a reception. The congregation joins their minister in this gracious invitation. Would you please plan to attend.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
APRIL 2, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .50 |
| Nursery | 10 | 1.51 |
| Kindergarten | 12 | 2.00 |
| Primary Dept | 31 | 6.70 |
| Junior Dept. | 35 | 8.19 |
| Junior High | 14 | 2.35 |
| High School | 22 | 3.48 |
| Pairs & Spares | 8 | 4.50 |
| Young Adults | 4 | 1.25 |
| '58 Class | 19 | 11.00 |
| Berean Class | 11 | 3.51 |
| Come Double Class | 11 | 8.50 |
| Progressive | 29 | 14.00 |
| Friendly | 15 | 2.75 |
| Men's Class | 5 | 2.25 |
| | 229 | $ 72.50 |

CYF , Sunday April 9th 5:30 P.M.
Dr. James Ruble, DDS, will speak concerning the opportunities and the requirements for his profession. Please hear Dr. Ruble.

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STUDY GROUP study "RESTRUCTURE"

We rejoice that 25 inquiring persons who want to be informed, met in the Church Parlor, April 2 at 7:00 P.M. to study and to discuss "Restructure". What does the term mean? There are no short-cuts! Would you like to know what is proposed in the "provisional" (proposed) design?

We have the text as it was presented to the Dallas International Convention, which referred it to the churches, to the various states, and institutions of the Brotherhood for study and revision.

As revised, the "provisional design" will be presented to the St. Louis Assembly, in 1967.

We'll be glad to welcome you Sunday, April 9, for study, 7 to 8 PM - one hour!

THANK YOU! Mrs. Charles Wrisk wishes to take this means to thank all who called, sent cards, and remembered her in their prayers during her stay in the hospital.

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Hearty congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Milton Carpenter II, (nee Judith Lynne Kirsch), who were united in Christian marriage on Saturday, April 1st, 1967. They will reside in Indianapolis.

We noted with a glow of pride the pictures and the wedding announcements of the approaching marriage of four of our lovely young ladies of First Christian church. Their pictures appeared in News Sentinel, Saturday, April 1.

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The Easter Sunday church attendance was 180 at 8:15 and 444 At 10:30 A.M. for a total of 624. There were 321 in Church School.

The reported attendance April 2, was 279. The theme of the sermon "What Does Baptism Mean?" was worthy of careful consideration by every Christian There were 229 in Church School. Where were the others? Church Attendance is inseparably connected with Christian growth and joy.

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Let us not come into the Sanctuary for the purpose of enjoying ourselves, or for listening to good music, or for hearing sermons. Let us com e to worship Almighty God, our great Father; to exalt the name of Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior; and to listen to the silent voice of the Holy Spirit, our great Guide.

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The Church of Jesus Christ is the great balancing power between utter chaos and a world of safety and order.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1967

ONE SERVICE ONLY !!

10:15 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:00 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all age groups
(Nursery for all services - for Infants and children through 5 yrs)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 P.M.
High School - Thursdays 6:30 P.M.
Bell Choir - Sundays at 4:00 P.M.

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

JUNIOR CHURCH - 10:15 A.M.

CHI RHO - Sunday at 5:00 P.M. ...
Plans will be made this Sunday for the Chi Rho Talent Show to be held during Chi Rho on April 16. Dont miss it !!

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CWF - Monthly Group Meetings .....

The NELSON Group will meet at the Church, Wednesday April 12 at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Kintzel, Worship by Mrs. Phillip Uhl.

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Seven P.M. finds us in the important Restructure Study with our blessed officers and interested lay-people who want to keep abreast of our day.

As you "lay me down to sleep" you say to your God, "My Cup Runneth Over with Love". "I wouldn't trade the life of a preacher, or a preacheress, for any other kind of service, Lord."

-- Vivian Johnson

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April 2, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 279 |
| Church School Attendance | 229 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 925.17 |
| Church School Offering | 72.50 |
| 30 Pieces of Silver | 46.60 |
| Landscape | 10.00 |
| Building Fund | 41.00 |
| | $ 1095.27 |

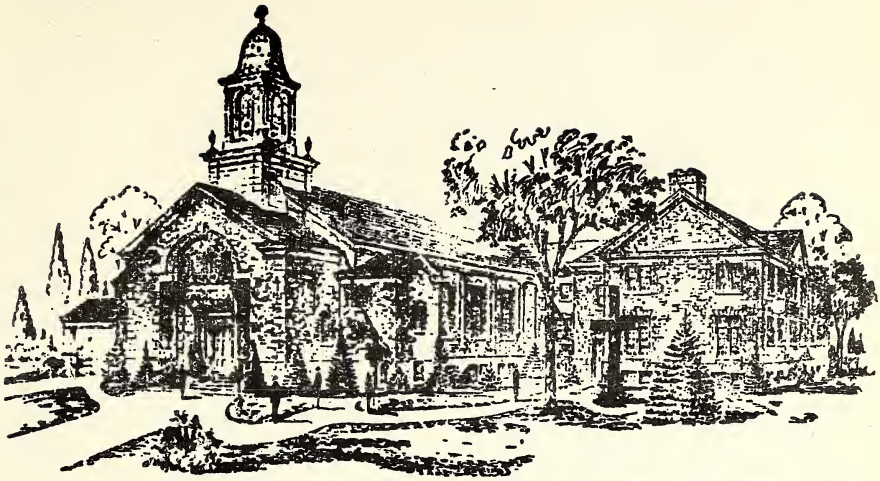
CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 19,427.22

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw St., Monday, April 10, at 8 P.M. Program Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, Worship, Miss Verna Sullivan.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Edwin Hall, 3402 MacArthur Dr. Tuesday, April 11 at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Robert Rayl; Worship Mrs. Harold Nordblom.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Rolland Ripple, 3405 Central Dr. Wednesday, April 12 at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Henry Schryver, Worship by Mrs Leo Trim.




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## YOUR PULPIT SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Your Pulpit Supply Committee faces a difficult task. It is a most responsible task, to find and to recommend to the Official Board and the congregation a minister who will serve Christ through First Christian Church - and who will serve over a period of years.

This Committee has been working hard, much harder than you imagine. One acute problem is there are not nearly enough ministers.

This Committee faces a task greater than that of calling a minister, because the welfare and growth of First Christian Church depends upon the vision, the experience, the temperment, and upon the minister's willingness to do whatever needs to be done.

A very great deal depends upon the congregation. Not nearly all responsibility rests upon the minister. Does our congregation intend to rally about your new minister and support the work of Christ with prayer and enthusiasm and personal Work?

We are confident First Christian Church will support your in-coming minister financially; You have done so unfailingly in the past.

But far more important is the will-to-work, the disposition to "tend" the flock upon the part of ALL the members, to covenant to work together enthusiastically in the bonds of love.

SUNDAY'S SERMON: "LOYALTY, THE PRICELESS GIFT"
SCRIPTURE - II Timothy 1:3; 2:6; and Matthew 6:22-24

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
### General Monthly Meeting

The general meeting of the CWF will be held on Tuesday, April 18, at 8:00 P.M. in the Church parlor. During the short business session, there will be the ELECTION OF OFFICERS for the new year, 1967-68. The Spice group are in charge of the program, entitled "Gossiping The Gospel" . The worship lead by the Montgomery Group; Hostesses from the Nelson group; The Higdon group will serve refreshments.

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## DISTRICT ONE - INSTITUTE

The Leadership Training - District 1 Institute will be held at the West Creighton Christian Church on Thursday, May 4, from 9 to 3 P.M. It is important that ALL our officers and Group officers attend the institute. The theme: "Thy Ways, Our Chosen Paths" We can receive fresh inspiration to help us so that we'll bring our best efforts to our local CWF office. We are asked to bring a sack lunch - the ladies of West Creighton will furnish dessert and coffee. Let us have a 100% officer attendance.

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## RUMMAGE SALE - April 28, 29.

We are asked to take our rummage to the Liberty Press Bldg, the evening before the sale opens. Mrs. Weber will need help in setting up the sale on the evening of the 27th, and also plenty of help during the sale. Please contact Mrs. Weber regarding the hrs you can help.

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## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSH IP

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 8:00 A.M. BREAKFAST. FILMS TO BE SHOWN. BENEDICTION AT 9:30 A.M.

John Thompson, Chairman

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
### Officers Serving Sunday, April 16

ELDERS:

10:15 A.M. -

Earl Plummer
Rolland Ripple

DEACONS:

10:15 A.M. -

Walter Keebortz
Homer Stevenson
Arthur Huddleston
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Robert Hendricks
Robert Westerfield
William Wilson

DEACONESSES - April 16, 23, 30

Mrs. Harold Nordblom
Mrs. Earl Plummer

SUNDAY GREETERS - April

Come Double Class

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## A CORDIAL INVITATION

The Rev. R. Laverne Ervin, minister of North Christian Church , and his congregation have extended to our congregation a cordial invitation to attend their dedication of their new Christian Education Building, April 16, at 2:30 P.M. A tour and reception will follow the service. We rejoice with them in this achievement.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

We wish to express sincere sympathy to the family of Harold T. Redman, whose funeral was held April 3rd. Mrs. Redman is a member of First Christian.

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Mr. Gene Parker, the Son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Tatman, was a patient in Lutheran Hospital this week.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

April 9, 1967

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .26 |
| Nursery | 9 | 1.15 |
| Kindergarten | 9 | 2.22 |
| Primary Dept | 25 | 5.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 29 | 6.67 |
| Junior High | 24 | 3.40 |
| High School | 20 | 2.90 |
| Pairs & Spares | 12 | 5.30 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| '58 Class | 13 | 6.00 |
| Berean | 14 | 9.00 |
| Come Double | 16 | 10.00 |
| Progressive | 27 | 14.25 |
| Friendly | 20 | 3.70 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 4.25 |
| | 230 | $ 75.10 |

C.Y.F. PROGRAM

The CYF have had a series on vocations and Christian behavior. Many have expressed appreciation for the wonderful things they have learned from the lay-people of our church.

Since January 9, several have been striving for a perfect attendance. We will grant the awards on May 28th.

The following program runs through May 28:

April 16 - "From a Teachers point of view" Mr. Hugh Rice

April 23 - The Honorable David Hogg

April 30 - CYF Election of Officers Speaker, Mr. Ross Nierman, subject "Engineering"

May 7 - "The The Beginning: (a recording) Charlton Heston.

All interested persons are ALL invited to worship with the CYF in the Sanctuary at 5:30 P.M. on this date.

Leader, Kirk Butler

May 14 - Mothers Day (no meeting)

May 21 - Camp Barbee

May 26 - Swim at Y

CYF Program - Continued . . .

May 28 - "Awards" night

Please save this schedule so that you will not miss a single meeting. Can you guess how many have a perfect attendance since January 9?

--Mrs. Johnson

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PERSONAL MENTION

We extend sincere sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kenline . Her mother, Mrs. Melissa Dougherty, died April 7.

Also our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Frank (Virginia) Worrell, whose mother died. We understand that the funeral was held at Geneva.

Mr. Orlie Conner is a patient in Rm 624 Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Dorothy Holderman was scheduled for surgery on April 12, in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Blanche Neat, sister of Glenn Miller is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber were delighted to be in worship April 9. Their many friends were most happy to see them!

Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Nierman, of Columbia City, the parents of Ross Nierman were worshippers, April 9.

The Berean Class, Dr. Jack Williams teacher, has been invited to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Snyder, 4709 Schaper Dr. for dinner Saturday, April 15, 6:30.

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"SURE AS YOU'RE BORN!" is a dramatic musical, by Helen Kromer and Gene Benton, which will be shown April 14, 15 at 8 PM at Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 W. 42nd St. Indianapolis. We understand this play is well worth your making the trip.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1967

ONE SERVICE ONLY!

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9:00 A.M. - Church school, Classes for all age groups.

(Nursery is supervised at all services for children through 5 years)

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CHI RHO - Sunday at 5:00 P.M.
C.Y.F. - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - 10:15 A.M.
BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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## SHORTAGE OF MINISTERS! IT IS REAL!

It is being experienced in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska, not only in Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) but among ALL churches. This is a matter for the urgent consideration of young men and women, and for the parents. Do you

## SERMON, APRIL 16

The sermon April 16, 10:15 A.M., will deal with loyalty - "Loyalty, the Priceless Gift".

It is hard to define loyalty. True, this sentiment is often misused.

. . . Nevertheless, loyalty enriches every relationship. It is found in business, in politics, in frieldship, in discipleship. If loyalty to Christ is missing, what, then is left?

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April 9, 1967

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Worship Attendance | 315 |
| Church School Attendance | 230 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1122.13 |
| Church School Offering | 75.10 |
| 30 Pieces of Silver | 30.00 |
| Building Fund | 16.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 42.00 |
| | $ 1285.23 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 19,427.22

From Column -1-

really believe the Christian Church has a message and a mission to perform for Christ? If we believe in Christ and His Church, how may we have effective churches unless intelligent, earnest men are willing to face the rigorous demands of the ministry as a life of service? How can men hear the Word of God unless they be sent? How can they be sent, be available for service unless they respond with whole-heart to God's call?

Is the ministry a life of ease? Some badly mistaken people look upon it as 'an easy berth!' That is the irony of it! It calls for hard work, conscientious work in the study, out with the flock, patient work in committee rooms, and ceaseless loyalty to Christ.




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"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## "SHOVEL OF DIRT!"

1000 shovels were purchased for the "ground breaking" for the new church, our sister church, First Christian Church, Danville, Kentucky. We served as interim for seven months there before coming to Fort Wayne.

Sunday, April 16 was 'the day'. In my mind's eye, I could see our many friends, after a worship service which was held inside the stakes and rope, which outlined the structure-to-be, each using his/her own shovel to break ground around the perimeter of the church.

We could not help thinking of that great congregation as it stood shoulder to shoulder, young and old, rich and poor, as they dug a shovel of dirt. How we prayed that each person was committing himself to God's program in Danville.

We thought often throughout the day of the rededication that came over the hearts of those who stood in the design of the new church, and our prayer was that each would stand fast in the faith; that each would be worthy of their forefathers, when 16 persons gathered in a home on April 9, 1843 to organize First Christian church.

Our minds come back to First Christian, Fort Wayne, and we are reminded of the many changes which have come to this church; and how so recently you "broke ground" for this magnificent structure - should we, some Sunday morning decide to join hands and stand shoulder to shoulder around the perimeter of our lovely building would we have enough present to form a perfect circle of "Committed Christian?"

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Hearty welcome to Mrs. Robert Shinn 5232 Sherrill Dr., who united with First Christian April 16, from the Christian Church at Nottingham, Ind.

It was a joy to greet Mr. & Mrs. Guy M. Abbott last Sunday. Mrs. Abbott was our choir director 1934-1938, and rendered a superb service. They reside now in the Emily Flinn Home, Marion Indiana.

The minister has been invited to attend the Men's Council Consultation at Geneva Center Camp, Thursday & Friday, April 20 & 21.

Mr. Edwin R. Allen has been named District Manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. Mr. R.M. Vanderwall, C.L.U. is the Agency Manager.

We rejoice greatly that our beloved friend, Walter C. Birkhold was able to be in Church Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Kenyon, Canton, Ohio, parents of Robert Kenyon, were welcome Sunday worshippers.

Mr. & Mrs. Karl Hey were Sunday Visitors, April 19.

Mrs. Charles Copeland is receiving 'tests' at Lutheran

Mrs. Patrick Burke, 4325 S. Hanna is a patient in Lutheran.

John C. Gerrard has had surgery at Lutheran. He is improving.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ronald J. Kissinger, 3002 Queen St. upon the birth of their son, Ronald James. April 14. She is at Lutheran.

Mr. Orlie Conner is seriously ill at Lutheran Hospital. Rm. 624

Mrs. B.A. Johnson will review Dr. Roy L. Smith's book, "Don't Kid Yourself" at Shiloh Club, April 19

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

April 16, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .60 |
| Nursery | 12 | 1.44 |
| Kindergarten | 14 | 3.73 |
| First Grade | 10 | 1.52 |
| Second Grade | 12 | 3.35 |
| Third Grade | 7 | .75 |
| Fourth Grade | 12 | 2.25 |
| Fifth Grade | 11 | 2.25 |
| Sixth Grade | 12 | 2.25 |
| Seventh Grade | 8 | .86 |
| Eighth Grade | 6 | 1.65 |
| Ninth Grade | 7 | 1.15 |
| High School | 20 | 5.25 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 4 | 2.50 |
| '58 Class | 16 | 9.50 |
| Berean Class | 16 | 9.34 |
| Come Double | 16 | 10.00 |
| Progressive | 26 | 12.25 |
| Friendly | 21 | 3.60 |
| Men's Class | 9 | 4.75 |
| | 244 | $ 79.99 |

## CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, April 23, 5:30 P.M.

The Honorable David Hogg, former U.S. Congressman, attorney Fort Wayne, will speak to the C.Y.F. Please bring several youth to hear him.

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## CHURCH DEVELOPMENT IN ACTION

A dramatic, understandable presentation of the progress in establishing new congregations was given at the Richmond Assembly, April 6, 7, 8, 9. We saw the names of the churches and heard some of the leaders. Our church is moving forward in Indiana.

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To receive YOUR boundy of life's finest blessings, practice the principles dictated from a generous heart ... This is the wisdom of the ages.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, April 23

DERS:

10:15 A.M.

Bertram Leversee

Robert Chevalier

EACONS:

10:15 A.M.

L. Max Finkhousen

Ray Loftin

John L. Clark

Arthur Mowery

Frank M. Moody

Le Roy Timbrook

Ted Bryan

Thomas Frappier

EACONESSES - April 23, 30

Mrs. Harold Nordblom

Mrs. Earl Plummer

UNDAY GREETERS - April

Come Double Class

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STUDY GROUP CLOSES APRIL 23

The study group authorized by the Official Board to study the provisional design proposed for "Restructure" will terminate Sunday, April 23. We begin at 7:00 P.M. and close at 8:00

We have studied the text carefully, helping each other to understand what is being proposed. We want to be able to consider this matter upon its merits. Have you any questions? Would you like to 'air' them?

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Congratulations to the North Christian Church, Rev. LeVerne Ervin, pastor, which on April 16, dedicated their new educational building. It is a worthy structure. A number of First Christian members attended.

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A man there was, and they called him mad; the more he gave, the more he had. --Bunyan

DISTRICT ONE - INSTITUTE-CWF

May 4, West Creighton Christian Church

May 21 - Southview Christian Church, Warsaw. CWF Officers, PLAN to attend one or the other of these Leadership Training Sessions. Mrs. Frank Thomas newly elected State President and Mrs. Walter Kimball, State CWF Treasurer, will be here as resource persons and will teach classes in the Institute. (Your own CWF president has been invited to teach a class at the District Institute at Milton Indiana, May 19. ) We hope every one of our CWF officers will take a sack lunch and attend either at West Creighton or at Southview. Check the dates.

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CWF - MAY BREAKFAST - May 16

Let each one of us be a committee of one to promote attendance to our May Breakfast. Our goal is 100 women in attendance. This means YOU, and YOU and YOU! Bring friends and relatives All you will need to do is to notify your Group leader how many you are bringing with you so she can in turn notify Ruth Ogles, who is in charge of arrangements. Miss Jessie Trout, UCMS will be present and will speak. I assure you, she is well worth hearing. The Nursery will be supervised for pre-school children. There is no charge for the breakfast.

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ITS UP TO THE ARCHITECT .....

From the same materials one man builds palaces, another hovels; one warehouses another villas: bricks and mortar are mortar and bricks, until the architect can make them something else. Thus it is that in the same family, one man rears a stately edifice, whilst his brother vacillating and incompetent, lives forever in ruins. the block of granite which was an obstacle in the pathway of the weak, becomes a stepping-stone in the pathways of the strong. -- Thomas Carlyle.

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CHURCH CALENDAR
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1967

10:15 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:00 A.M. -Church School; Classes for all age groups.
(Nursery is supervised at all services for Infants and Children though 5 yrs.)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:
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High School - Thursdays at 6:30 PM
Bell Choir - Sundays at 4:00 P.M.

CHI RHO - Sunday at 5:00 P.M.
C.Y.F. - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
JUNIOR CHURCH - 10:15 A.M.
BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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RUMMAGE SALE - April 28, 29. CWF sponsored. Liberty Press Bldg, Lafayette Street. You are asked to take your rummage directly to the sale room on the evening of the 27th, also, volunteer help will be needed during the sale. See Mrs. Herman Weber.

From Page -1-

Let us pick up our mental shovels and start digging in the areas of Evangelism, stewardship, membership.

The digging must begin NOW in the hearts, minds and prayer life of each of us. Should this happen, we would find a house, 'not made with hands.'

--VLJ

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April 16, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 344 |
| Church School Attendance | 244 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1320.09 |
| Church School Offering | 79.99 |
| Children's Day Offering | 10.00 |
| | $ 1410.08 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 19,427.22

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

BLESSING BOX OFFERINGS . . . Please get your offering in to your Group Treas. or to Mrs. Duncan before May 1st. As you know this offering is 'over and above' your regular giving, and should represent all the many blessings YOU have received during the past year.

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CHI RHO CALENDAR

April 23, Chi Rho will have a bowling party, followed by supper at McDonald's
April 30, A study of family life of the teen-ager.
May 7- Continuation of Study of Family Life.
May 14, Recreation
May 21, Special Session, with Chi Rhoers to-be, as guests and the graduation of 9th graders.
May 28, Year's End picnic.




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## REPORT OF THE PULPIT COMMITTEE!

(This is the hour for which YOU have been waiting)

The members of the Congregation of First Christian Church are cordially invited to a carry-in dinner on Monday evening, May 1st at 6:15 P.M. Prompt, in Fellowship Hall.

At this meeting the Pulpit Committee will introduce a minister-candidate and his family, and following the dinner you will have an opportunity to hear him speak informally, and also have time to visit with he and his family.

At 8:30 P.M. Mr. Vanderwall, chairman, will call the Congregation to order for a business session to vote on the recommendation of the Pulpit Committee to Call this minister-candidate to First Christian Church, Fort Wayne.

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For the dinner, we suggest, in order to have a balanced meal, that families whose last names fall between A and H, bring salad; I through O, bring meat dishes; P through S, hot vegetables; T through Z, dessert.

Rolls and Coffee/tea/milk will be furnished.

ALL FAMILIES PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. John Hoop, 3920 Bowser Avenue, Tuesday, May 2, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Stanley Cole; Worship Mrs. Robert Chevalier

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. E.W. Klepfer, 806 Ardis Dr. Wednesday May 3, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Ben Taylor; Worship Mrs. Cecil Rice.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Leland Higgins, 5010 Woodhurst Dr. Wednesday, May 3, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Fred Hilker; Worship by Mrs. Earl Fusselman.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Clipp, 1108 McKinnie, Thursday May 4, at 7:45 P.M. Worship by Mrs. A.O. Schell.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet in the Church Parlor with Mrs. K.L. Edwards hostess. Program by Mrs. Chas. Dilts; Worship by Mrs. Fern Teeple.

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District #1, Institute, May 4th, 9 to 3 PM., at West Creighton Church. All officers of CWF, present and future are urged to attend. This means officers of General CWF and Group officers. Those who plan to go, please notify Mrs. Vaught, by Sunday, April 30. Your president has been asked to report those who will attend. Take a sack lunch. The host women will furnish dessert and coffee/tea. In order to have sufficient supervision of the nursery, let your president know how many pre-school children are being taken so she can notify the host church in time for them to secure nursery supervision.

Get your BLESSING BOX OFFERING in to Marian Duncan by the 1st, so she can present a check at the dedication of offerings, May 4.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday April 30, 1

ELDERS:

10:15 A.M. Service -

William Franklin
Cecil Rice

DEACONS: Captain - Don Smith

10:15 A.M Service -

F Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Robert Hendricks
Robert Westerfield
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks Love

DEACONESSES - April 30

Mrs. Harold Nordblom
Mrs. Earl Plummer

SUNDAY GREETERS - April

Come Double Class

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"BE STILL and KNOW" .....

The C.Y.F. is inviting all members First Christian to worship with us in " lent Meditation" in the Sanctuary M 7, at 5:30 P.M.

We feel that you will have a great worship experience as you listen to Charlton Heston in "In the Beginning Let us shut out all else and hear God voice, as he speaks to us. We are dis covering different mediumsof worshi Please be in your family pew, all of you, at 5:30 PM , May 7.

Kirk Butler is Chairman.

-- VLJ

CYF District Officers: Newly elect officers of Youth in District #1.

J.W. Wright, President - Elkhart
John Coil, Vice-President - Elkhart
Phyllis Omeron, Corres. Secy. West Creighton
Kathy Tudor, Rec. Secy, Elkhart
Chip Allen, 1st Member at-large
John Conrad, 2nd Member-at- large

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
April 23, 1967

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .35 |
| Nursery | 14 | 1.64 |
| Kindergarten | 13 | 2.42 |
| Primary Dept. | 30 | 6.30 |
| Junior Dept. | 31 | 6.99 |
| Junior High | 22 | 2.87 |
| High School | 21 | 4.30 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 0 |
| Pairs & Spares | 10 | 5.15 |
| '58 Class | 18 | 11.00 |
| Berean Class | 14 | 6.00 |
| Come Double | 15 | 8.75 |
| Progressive | 30 | 16.75 |
| Friendly Class | 18 | 3.50 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 4.50 |
| | 248 | $ 80.28 |

CHILDREN'S DAY GOALS - 1967
CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Men's Class | 10 | $25.00 |
| Friendly Class | 25 | 40.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 100.00 |
| Come Double | 40 | 50.00 |
| '58 Class | 35 | 50.00 |
| Berean | 25 | 25.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 10.00 |
| Young Adults | 10 | 5.00 |
| High School Class | 35 | 15.00 |
| Junior High | 40 | 13.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 50 | 15.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 50 | 10.00 |
| Kindergarten | 30 | 7.00 |
| Nursery | 25 | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |

"RESTRUCTURE"

What is re-structure? How will it affect our congregation; the state of Indiana; and our Brotherhood?

A group of 20-25 persons met for four sessions for mutual clarification. What did our group discover? We studied 'the provisional design' i.e. a tentative proposal subject to revision. Revisions will be written with the revised document to be presented for further clarification in St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 13-18, 1967.

We discovered the First Christian Church would be represented by delegates of our own choosing. We are moving toward a delegate convention which will meet every two years.

In the proposed plan all necessary business would be considered by the General Assembly.

The General Council, composed of 250-300 members "shall receive, review and refer with appropriate recommendation all items of business presented for the General Assembly ..... It will meet once a year. The General Council will function much like the well-known Committee on Recommendations. All of its actions are subject to the review and the approval of the General Council.

Still a smaller group, "The Executive Council", composed of 40 members selected by the General Council, shall meet three times a year to care for on-going business.

We also discovered that the rights and responsibilities of the local congregation are fully protected: Each local church still has the responsibility to call and to sustain its minister and to determine its own business.

"The Covenantal relationship" means that a congregation chooses to work responsibly with the Brotherhood.

Will you please secure a copy of the "Provisional Design" and read it carefully. It is concerned with better more effective church administration. It is entirely different from "Church Union" Also, it is subordinate to spiritual renewal.

We can trust our brethren, and democratic processes. -- B. A. J.

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High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

Bell Choir - Sundays at 4:00 P.M.

CHI RHO - Sunday at 5:00 P.M. A study of family life of the teen-ager.

C.Y.F. - Sunday at 5:30 P.M. Election of officers. Mr. Ross Nierman, speaker Subject: "Engineering"

PRIMARY CHURCH - 10:15 A.M.

JUNIOR CHURCH - 10:15 A.M.

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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C.W.F. RUMMAGE SLAE - Liberty Press building, Lafayette St. April 28, 29. Mrs. Herman Weber, Chairman

April 23, 1967

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 332 |
| Church School Attendance | 248 |
| Regular Church Offering | $1024.39 |
| Church School Offering | 80.28 |
| Children's Day Offering | 10.00 |
| | $ 1114.67 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . .
$ 18,316.26

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Smelser are back from a 4 months stay in Scottsdale, Ar

Mr. Herman (Shorty) Weber, of Collin Oldsmobile Co., was honored recently in Phoenix, Ariz Mr. Weber ranked se cond in Indiana in sales of autos.

Joe Snouffer was baptized April 23. Hi family was present.

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Bragg, former members who moved to Fort Madison, Iowa, wer in worship April 23. Their daughter, Susanne is attending Ball State, Munci

Hearty thanks to our choirs for their wonderful anthems last Sunday.

The Rev. & Mrs. Barton A. Johnson plan to attend a Seminar, Indianapoli May 4.

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Rev. Kenneth Teagarden, member of The Commission on "Restructure" will speak for us on Sunday, May 28, at 7:00 P.M. Members of the North Christian Church and West Creighton Church have been invited to hear him Mark your calendar and plan to hear this outstanding speaker, May 28.

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SUNDAY'S SERMON:

"THE PRODIGAL'S BROTHER"

Scripture - Luke 15: 25-32




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## GOOD NEWS: NEW MINISTER CALLED

First Christian Church called, with a unanimous standing vote, the Rev. Mr. Franklin R. McGuire, Georgetown, Kentucky, to become the new minister. He succeeds the Rev. Mr. George Wascovich who is presently minister of the First Christian Church, Atlanta, Ga.

"Bro. George" served First Christian Church for ten years, rendering an outstanding service. He has a host of friends here. Mr. Wascovich closed his service in our church July 31, 1966.

The Rev. Mr. McGuire is a graduate of Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky. which is a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) School. It is the oldest college West of the Alleghany Mountains. He also received his Bachelor of Divinity from the College of the Bible (now renamed the Lexington Theological Seminary).

McGuire has been one of the most dedicated, effective ministers in Kentucky. He served such churches as West Liberty Christian, Hazard Christian, and First Christian Church, Georgetown, Kentucky. (10 years) It has a participating membership of 623, and is one of the strong churches in Kentucky. He has served as a member of the Kentucky State Board; and as president of the Delegate Council; and as the president of the Kentucky Assembly of Christian Churches. (State Convention)

Mrs. McGuire was the former Rachel Gamboe, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Homer P. Gamboe, long-time missionaries to India. The McGuires have three children: Kevin, a Senior, who expects to enter Transylvania College this

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Mrs. Dempsey Weaver, 6221 Sharon Dr. Mon day, May 8, at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. T.R.Eiler; Worship by Mrs. Henry Flowers.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Rayl, 5109 Fernwood Tuesday, May 9, at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. James Knight; Worship by Mrs. Clair Buskirk.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs George Warren, 7317 Avalon Dr. Wednesday, May 10 at 8 P.M. Program by Mrs. Norman Strayer; Worship by Mrs. Garland Morrolf.

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RUMMAGE SALE - Mrs. Weber wishes to thank all those who furnished rummage and also all who helped at the sale for their fine cooperation. They took in around $90. Several dresses and hats were sent to the Mental Hospital at Logansport; some clothing was given to the local Children's Home, and some to the Allen County Home.

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C.W.F. May Breakfast will be Tuesday, May 16 at 9:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. Miss Jessie Trout will be the speaker.

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We welcome Mr. & Mrs. Harold V. Green, who came into the fellowship of this church by statement from the Southside Christian Church Springfield, Ill.

We also wish to welcome Mrs. Sarah Likens, who is our nurse for the Nursery, who came to us from the West Creighton Christian Church. She has served us in the Nursery since 1955.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
Officers Serving Sunday, May 7

ELDERS:

10:15 A.M. Service -
Solon E. Merriman
John E. Merrill

DEACONS: Captain - Don Smith

10:15 A.M. Service -
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Robert N. Hendricks
Robert Westerfield
Delmas Young
Charles R. Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks P. Love

DEACONESSES - May 7, 14, 21
Mrs. Harold Crowder
Mrs. Wm. Crouse

SUNDAY GREETERS - May '58 Class

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COFFEE HOUR

The '58 Class are having a Coffee Hour following the morning worship on Sunday, May 21, in Fellowship Hall, honoring Cliff and Joan Travis and their family. The Travis family are moving from the city.

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CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK

A broadened, deepened emphasis upon the Christian Family is the outgrowth of Mother's Day. Responsible Mothers are the first to realize children need a good father and a worthy home.

The sermon, May 7 will stress responsible marriage: "A Good Marriage Comes First: (Genesis 2:18-24) The sermon on May 14 will stress parental guidance:"Train Up A Child".

May 21, Choir Concert and Dedication of the Bells.

May 28, "Facing Crises with Hope"

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

April 30, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| abes & Toddlers | 6 | .50 |
| ursery | 12 | 1.60 |
| indergarten | 16 | 2.60 |
| rimary Dept. | 29 | 4.36 |
| nior Dept. | 30 | 5.82 |
| nior High | 18 | 4.10 |
| igh S hool | 20 | 3.60 |
| oung Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| airs & Spares | 6 | 5.20 |
| 58 Class | 11 | 7.00 |
| erean Class | 16 | 7.50 |
| ome Double Class | 18 | 10.00 |
| rogressive Class | 35 | 12.50 |
| riendly Class | 19 | 3.58 |
| Ien's Class | 9 | 4.65 |
| | 246 | $ 74.00 |

## PERSONAL MENTION

Our Julia F. Quinn, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rufus Quinn has been awarded a $500 scholarship by the Skelly Oil Co

The Fred Smells have sold their home and are building a new one. Our very best wishes to them in this venture.

Mr Orlie Conner, and Mrs. Charles Copeland, recently patients at Lutheran Hospital, have gone home. Also Mr. Charles Andrew, father of Dennis Andrew, has gone home after being a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Word comes that Mrs. Grover C. Cahow is a patient in Cameron Hospital at Angola, Indiana.

Rev. Kenneth Teagarden, member of the Commission on Restructure will speak for us on Sunday, May 28, at 7:00 P.M.

HAVE ANY PROBLEMS? Do you worry? Then, may we suggest that you read, the article, "Acceptance" which appears in the May 1967 issue of The READERS DIGEST. Ponder it, please.

## A CORDIAL INVITATION

The CYF is sharing a quiet meditation with the whole congregation next Sunday afternoon, May 7, at 5:30 PM. We will meet in the Church.

Sometimes, I wonder if we do not need to sit quietly and listen to the beautiful words of the Bible? Next Sunday afternoon you have the opportunity to hear Charlton Heston. famous actor as he reads "...In the Beginning , accompanied by the Robert DeCormier Chorale.

Mr. Heston remarks that up to the days of his playing "The Tne Commandments" that the Bible was "a little red edged edition the Gideons were putting in hotel rooms before I was born. It was available to me in Sunday School, plus a little reading in church. In most houses I've been in, a Bible was about as common as a book end, and usually serving the same purpose. I'd say as well as being the most widely sold book ever printed, the Bible may easily be one of the least read.

"I found that if I was going to play Moses, the way to begin was to read the five books that open the Old Testament."

Thus, with his marvelous voice and skillful interpretation, let us hear Mr. Heston promptly at 5:30 P.M. May 7th.

Kirk Butler is the chairman. John Thompson is furnishing the stereo to be used. All friends of youth are welcome.

--Vivian Johnson

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## CYF ELECTS OFFICERS

Edwin Allen, Jr. (Chip) was elected president of CYF for 1967-68. Muriel Crouse was chosen as vice-president; Sue Gumpp, corresponding secretary; and Rebecca Buskirk , secretary-treas. They were elected April 29.

WORK DAY - AT CAMP BARBEE, May 6 and 7. for CYF'ers.

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High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

Bell Choir - Sundays at 4:00 P.M.

CHI RHO - Sunday at 5:00 P.M. A study of family life of the teen-ager.

C.Y.F. Sunday at 5:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary. Hear - "In The Beginning" by Charlton Heston.

PRIMARY CHURCH - 10:15 A.M.

JUNIOR CHURCH - 10:15 A.M.

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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Miss Bonnie Farrow is a patient in Lutheran hospital. She had surgery for a broken ankle.

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Fall; Melanie, 15, a Sophomore; and Waller, 10.

The Pulpit Committee who recommended the new minister include: Floyd Morrical, chairman, Hugh Rice, Mrs. Owen Vaught, William Crouse, Ralph Church, and Richard Vanderwall, ex officio.

You may expect specific information concerning the date when the McGuires will begin their service here, as soon as that information is available.

-- B.A.J.

April 30, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 341 |
| Church School Attendance | 246 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1181.88 |
| Church School Offering | 74.00 |
| Building Fund | 3.00 |
| | $ 1258.78 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 18,316.26

CHI RHO and Sponsors wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Rolland Ripple who, as guest panelists with Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Love, discussed the differences and likenesses of their teen-age family life as compared to today's. This week a young man from India will discuss his teen-age years as he lived them in India.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Mrs. R.M. Vanderwall is asking for volunteer workers to help with Vacation Church School. Those interested please call Mrs. Vanderwall, 747-5570 for more information.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## BETTER NEWS: MINISTER ACCEPTS CALL

Mr. Floyd E. Morrical, the chairman of the Pulpit Supply Committee announced Sunday, May 7th, the Rev. Franklin R. McGuire has accepted the Call of the First Christian Church to serve as the new minister. He succeeds the Rev. George E. Wascovich, presently minister of First Christian Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Morrical reports that the new minister will commence his service with our church Sunday, August 6th. This IS good news. A hearty welcome to this family. Will you please remember them, and our church in prayer?

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## MOTHER'S DAY

The mothers of our congregation will be recognized on Sunday, May 14th, during the morning worship service. Flowers will be presented to the Mothers: traveling the greatest distance to be in the service; to the oldest mother present; to the youngest mother present; and to the mother with the largest number of children present with her.

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SUNDAY'S SERMON: "TRAIN UP A CHILD ...."

XCRIPTURE - Ephesians 6: 1-4

## PERSONAL MENTION

A most hearty welcome to Mrs. Wm. E. Wilson (Elaine) who comes to us from the Emanuel Lutheran Church, Wayne Trace. Her husband is a member and chairman of Deacons Board.

We also wish to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ronald(Judith) Aker. Mr. Aker comes from the Saturn Christian Church, and Mrs. Aker from the Trinity Methodist Church, City.

Mr. Elwood Parent is now working in the main Post Office as a postal Clerk. Congratulations.

Four men from our C.M.F. attended the CMF Rally at West Creighton Ave. Christian Church Sunday, , May 7. The Rev. Leon Weatherman spoke.

The Rev. George E. Wascovich visited First Christian Church Sunday, May 7. He was accompanied by his son, Craig and daughter, Faith. He offered the pastoral prayer of the morning. He had to leave early in order to attend the Christian Theological Seminary Board meeting at 2:00 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Mable) Truelove and son Kevin, 10, of LaOtto Indiana, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. & Mrs. Earl Fusselman. The Barton Johnson's were "included in". Both couples were active in the Progressive Class 1934-38.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mr. & Mrs. George Warren. He lost his father, Rodney Warren, May 3, at Des Moines, Iowa.

A LOOK AHEAD! We are glad the First Christian Church has called the Rev. Franklin R. McGuire to be the permanent minister. He will begin Sunday, August 6. He is a dedicated minister and a skillful leader. Please support him with your confidence and your prayers.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday May 14, 1967

ELDERS:

10:15 A.M. Service -

Andrew Cook
Floyd Morrical

DEACONS: Captain - Donald Smith

10:15 A.M. Service -

F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Robert N. Hendricks
Robert Westerfield
John F. Hechler
Ben G. Taylor
James W. Lehman
Robert Ogles

DEACONESSES - May 14, 21

Mrs. Harold Crowder
Mrs. Wm. Crouse

SUNDAY GREETERS - May

'58 Class

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## COFFEE HOUR

The '58 Class will honor Cliff and Joan Travis and family at a Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 21, following the morning worship service, in Fellowship Hall.

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## DR. KENNETH L. TEAGARDEN

Sunday, May 28 at 7:00 P.M. we will have the opportunity to hear Dr. Kenneth L. Teagarden speak on "A Provisional Design for Restructure" There will be a question and answer period . He is coming at the invitation of our Board of Elders. The members of North Christian and of West Creighton Christian churches have been invited to come and hear Dr. Teagarden on this most important subject. This is a real opportunity to become informed on Restructure. Let us be present May 28 at 7 P.M.

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PENTECOST - SUNDAY, MAY 14.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
MAY 7, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .35 |
| Nursery | 11 | 1.38 |
| Kindergarten | 15 | 3.05 |
| Primary Dept. | 28 | 6.99 |
| Junior Dept. | 42 | 7.83 |
| Junior High | 17 | 2.25 |
| High School | 10 | 2.10 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 4.00 |
| '58 Class | 12 | 8.00 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 3.00 |
| Come Double Class | 18 | 6.94 |
| Progressive Class | 29 | 17.00 |
| Friendly Class | 15 | 2.75 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 3.70 |
| | 234 | $ 70.36 |

## CHILDREN'S DAY GOALS
JUNE 4, 1967
CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |
| Nursery | 25 | 5.00 |
| Kindergarten | 30 | 7.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 50 | 10.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 50 | 15.00 |
| Junior High | 40 | 13.00 |
| High School Class | 35 | 15.00 |
| Young Adults | 10 | 5.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 10.00 |
| Berean Class | 25 | 25.00 |
| '58 Class | 35 | 50.00 |
| Come Double Class | 40 | 50.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 100.00 |
| Friendly Class | 25 | 40.00 |
| Men's Class | 10 | 25.00 |

## "MAKING LIFE WORTHWHILE"

May every soul that touches mine -
Be it the slightest contact -
Get therefrom some good;
Some little grace; one kindly thought;
One asperation yet unfelt;
One bit of courage
For the darkening sky;
One gleam of faith
To brave the thickening ills of life;
One glimpse of brighter skies
Beyond the gathering mists -
To make this life worthwhile
And heaven a surer heritage."

--George Eliot

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## C.W.F. RETREATS

Seven in all: 1 at Barbee Christian Camp, August 5-6; 3 at Geneva Center, Rochester, September 16-17; September 23-24; September 30, Oct 1. 2 at Indian Lake, July 27-28; July 29-30; 1 at Bedford Camp, August 5-6.

Registration fee, $10.00 due 30 days prior to the scheduled date of a Retreat you plan to attend. Register early.

## HOUSEWIFE'S BEATITUDES .....

Blessed is she whose daily tasks are a labor of love, for she translates duty into privilege. Blessed is she who mends stockings and toys and broken hearts, for her understanding is a balm to humanity. Blessed is she who serves laughter and smiles at every meal, for she shall be blessed with goodness. Blessed is she who preserves the sanctity of the home, for hers is a sacred trust that crowns her with dignity.

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WAKE UP TO REALITY ..BE A SALTY CHRISTIAN ... Attend one of the CWF Retreats this summer. You can secure YOUR application blank from your CWF President.

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PENTECOST - was preceded by penitence , piety, prayer and power. Modern Christians too often want their religion thinned down, sweetened up and sprayed upon ...But vital Christianity is radical and revolutionary. It is dynamite.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1967

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9:00 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all age groups.

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Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 P.M.
High School - Thursdays at 6:30 PM
Bell Choir - Sundays at 4:00 P.M.

CHI RHO - Sunday at 5:00 PM. Worship.

CYF. will not meet this Sunday.

JUNIOR CHURCH - There will NO Junior Church , Mother's Day, May 14

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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CHI RHO - Mr. Idictula of India, student at Indiana Tech. and Mahinda Singh, formerly of India spoke of their teen years in India for members of Chi Rho and parents who came. A donation was given Mr. Idictula to help further his education here.

May 7th, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 327 |
| Church School Attendance | 234 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1468.26 |
| Church School Offering | 70.36 |
| Building Fund | 11.00 |
| Children's Day Offering | 10.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 2.10 |
| | $ 1561.72 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 18,316.26

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST

A real treat is in store for the women of our church at the annual May breakfast next Tuesday, May 16, at 9:30 A M. when Miss Jessie M. Trout will be our guest speaker. Altho Miss Trout retired in 1963, after more than 40 years of service to the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) through the United Christian Missionary Society, she still remains active in many avenues of service in the Brotherhood. She is presently co-director of the United Society's Europe-Holy Land Tour, July 18- August 9. Among books she has written are: "Like A Watered Garden", "Bertha Fidelia" and she has translated into the English Dr . Kagawa's book, "Kagawa, Japanese Prophet" You will find Miss Trout an inspiring speaker. Do come next Tuesday.

Mrs. Likens will be in the nursery to supervise pre-school children.

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Chi Rho's will have a party next Friday at the home of Rick Vanderwall, from 8:00 to 11:00 P.M.



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## AN EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

Sorrow came to Rev. Barton and Mrs. Johnson last Monday morning when they received word of the sudden passing away of their daughter, Mrs. John Bosworth (Margaret Ellen), at her home in New York City. Mrs. Bosworth was taken to the Schaeffer-Busby Funeral Home, West 9th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Memorial services will be held in the Chapel at Spring Grove Cemetery at 2 PM Thursday, May 18. Let us remember them in our prayers.

A memorial is being sent in the name of First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, to the Woodhaven Christian Home for children, located on Highway 63 South, Columbia Missouri. Mrs. Johnson is a member of the Woodhaven Home Board, and has been a member of that Board since the Home's inception.

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## DEDICATION OF THE HAND BELLS

During the morning worship service on Sunday Morning, May 21, at 10:15 A.M. there will be the Dedication of the Hand Bells. Our Church Choirs will sing, and our Hand Bell Choir will play two numbers.

AND HER NAME IS RACHEL....

A lovelier lady never graced a Manse than Rachel McGuire. She is genuine, understanding, so interested in the Calling of her husband. I am almost jealous of her as I think back to the Years of 1934-38. How understanding you were to me. Well, I sort of know what is in store for Rachel. How well I remember your tenderness toward us in some dark days we had while here. It was not what you said, it was not what you did, it was that quiet unexpressed sympathy that only First Christian could share. I have never forgotten. Then my girls were little girls, and you realized that I could not carry a heavy work load but you helped me and challenged me to be the best minister's wife possible.

I remember with a smile the beginning of the Colonial Teas started by Mrs. Koegel, Mrs. Durfee, Mrs. Sheline, Mrs. Newland, Mrs. Hilker. How they seamed me up into "a lovely Colonial Dame". In those days I could not have purchased the material let alone sew and fit it. That dress has gone through three full pastorates, Fort Wayne, Springfield and Covington. I never take it out of its wrappings but what I see those women, along with Mrs. Winfield, Mrs. Sigrist, Mrs. Dilts Mrs. Woodhull, Hilda Simon, Mrs. Birkhold, Mrs. Leikauf, Mrs. Worrell, Mom Coar, Mrs. Egly and so many more.

I congratulate Rachel for being the coming woman of the Manse. May her years be many with you dear people and may your warmth and love carry her through many years to come.

There is nothing so reassuring to a minister's wife as a church full of dedicated committed laywomen.

Congratulations, Rachel!

Congratulations, First Church!

-- VLJ.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

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ELDERS:

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Harold Crowder

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James Lehman
Robert Ogles

DEACONESSES - May 21
Mrs. Harold Crowder
Mrs. Wm. Crouse

SUNDAY GREETERS - May -58 Class

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CYF SENIORS BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 A.M. in Lookout Room, Baer Field. To honor the CYF 'ers who are graduating this year. Among our 1967 graduates are: Stephen Duncan, Ann Morrical, Julia Quinn, Janet Plummer, Joan Johnston, Nathan Love, Tom Rayl, Mike Wetzel, Gary Butler, Michael Coleman, Steven Yent Joleen Wilhelm, Eileen Williams. Miss Deborah Love will graduate May 28, from St. Joseph;s Hospital School of Nursing.

CYF AWARDS DINNER ...

Will be Sunday evening, May 21 at 5:30 P.M. This will be a carry-in dinner for the families of our CYF'ers. Chip Allen will preside as Toastmaster. Mrs. James W. Lehman, Mrs. William Wetzel and Mrs. William Crouse will be in charge of arrangements for the dinner.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Melvin McNamee whose sister, Mrs. Raymond Watson died May 12 at her home in Monroe, La. Mrs. Watson followed her husband, the Rev. Raymond Watson, in death by just a few days. Mr. Watson died on Sunday, May 7. He was the minister of St. John's Christian Church at Monroe.

Mr. James Goins will undergo surgery on Friday of this week at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Hilda Simon is very ill in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Larry Barnes was in Lutheran for several days this week.

Mrs. Ida Mae England is ill at her home, 5104 Northcrest.

The family of Kenneth Zingrebe now living at Marshall, Mich. worshipped with us last Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kuckuck, former members, from Avilla, were in the Worship service last Sunday.

A COFFEE HOUR - Farewell for the Cliff Travis family next Sunday following morning worship in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the members of '58 Class.

The COME DOUBLE Class are having a bowling party on May 26, 8:00 PM at Hillcrest Alleys. Following the bowling the Class will come to the church for refreshments.

Dr. Kenneth Teagarden, member of the Commission on Brotherhood Restructure, will speak on May 28, at 7:00 P.M. There will be a question and answer period.

JOINT CHOIRS CONCERT, Sunday May 21, at the 10:15 A.M. Service, in a Dedication of Bells. The Bell Choir will have two numbers. Would you like to invite your friends and come?

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| Progressive Class | 24 | 12.50 |
| Friendly Class | 12 | 2.55 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 5.17 |
| | 207 | $ 73.92 |

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CYF -AWARDS DINNER Sunday at 5:30
BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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ATTENTION: SUMMER SCHEDULE .... BEGINNING JUNE 4, MORNING WORSHIP WILL BE AT 9:45 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL will start at 8:30 A.M.

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SYMPATHY - Word comes that Mrs. James (Helen) Shockney's father passed away last week.

May 14, 1967

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| Church Attendance | 3( |
| Church School Attendance | 2( |
| Regular Church Offering | 1099.4 |
| Church School Offering | 73.9 |
| Building Fund | 2.0 |
| Landscape | 15.0 |
| | $ 1188.3 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE
$ 18,316.26

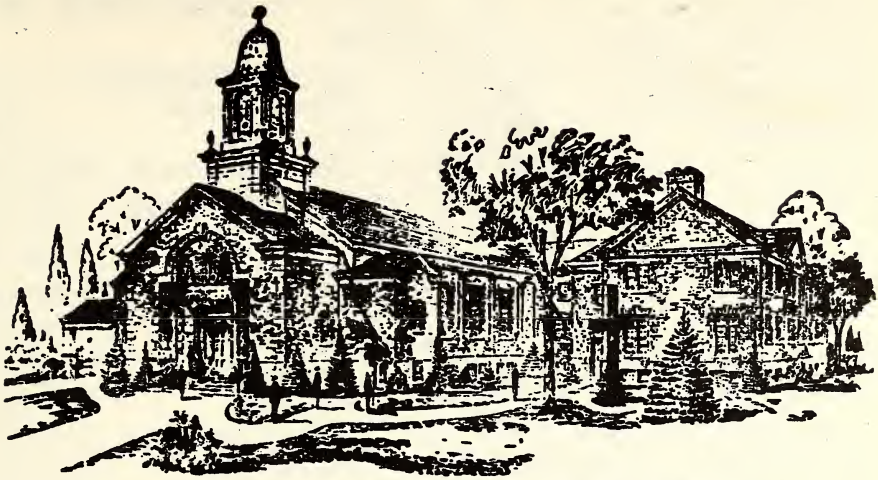
CHI RHO - The meeting next Sunda evening at 5:00 o'clock will be a "s cial meeting to include in-coming C Rho'ers as guests. There will be ele tion of officers for the 1967-68 seaso graduation of 9th graders; perfect at- tendance awards will be presented, the mission offering will be dedicate during the worship. The final study Family Life will center about the tee ager's responsibility toward others in his home. There will be a self-quiz. Parents of all the Chi Rhos are invite to attend.

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Mrs. Henry Schryver entered Luthera Hospital Tuesday afternoon for tests and will be there for several days.

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CWF MAY BREAKFAST, Tuesday, M 16, was held in Fellowship Hall. A large number attended including ma guests. Miss Jessie M. Trout, retired missionary , was our speaker. She ga a most interesting and inspiring talk "Ikebana, An Interpretation" (Flower Arrangements". The Southmoor PTA Singers, sang several delightful numb The worship given by Mrs. Lillian Sc was appropriate and thoughtful. The table decorations were perfectly beau ful, created by Mrs. Robt. Ogles.




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## MARGARET JOHNSON BOSWORTH

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three but the greatest of these is love." (I Cor. 13:12-13)

We experienced a fearful shock when, Monday, May 15th, we received a long distance phone call from her husband, John, telling us that our bonnie daughter, Margaret Ellen, had died in her sleep at 7:00 A.M. John heard her gasp twice. He tried to awaken her, but was unable to do so. Then John called the emergency squad. Immediately he called her sister, Frances, who, with her husband, Sinclair Raynor, arrived shortly.

The Medical Examiner pronounced the cause of her death as "cardiac arrest". Her heart just stopped beating.

Memorial services were held for her in Spring Grove Chapel, Cincinnati, Thursday, May 18th. John and Frances asked Margaret's uncle, Dr. Leslie R. Smith to conduct her services, which were most understanding, just right for Margaret, and so gentle.

Thanks to EVERYONE: to the Rev. Lawrence G. Crane, the minister of the Madison Avenue Christian Church; to the many, many friends in that beloved church who called; to First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, who suggested that we remain with our family in Lexington Sunday, May 21st; to the Rev. Franklin R. McGuire, minister elect of the First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, who came to us in Lexington, Friday; and to the many others.

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MAY 21, 1967

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 304 |
| Church School Attendance | 250 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1223.22 |
| Church School Offering | 75.64 |
| Building Fund | 101.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 11.60 |
| Children's Day | 10.00 |
| | $ 1421.46 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ..
$ 18,316.26

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs Ralph Church, 5126 Werling Drive, on Thursday evening, June 1, at 7:45 PM. Worship by Mrs. Helen Clymore.

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CHI RHO ---- Year's End Meeting

This will be a picnic on Sunday, May 28, at 3:30 P.M. at Foster Park. Each person is to bring 50¢. Parents are to pick up their youth at the church at 6:30 P.M. Should it rain, the picnic will be cancelled.

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CHI RHO - New Officers elected last Sunday: President, Barbara Love; Vice-President, Steve Bruckman; Secretary, Patty Wetzel; Treasurer, Cindy Hunt.

The youth and sponsors wish to thank all who in any way helped to further Chi Rho this past year.

--- Mrs. Hendricks Love.

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WEDDING BELLS - The members of First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, are invited to attend the wedding of Miss Marilyn Kay Cole to Mr. Thomas L. DeWeese on Sunday , June 4th at 2:30 P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole are parents of the bride.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday May 28, 1967

ELDERS:

10:15 A.M. Service -

Kenneth Edwards
John Merrill

DEACONS: -Donald Smith, Captain

10:15 A.M. Service -

Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks Love
John Hechler
Ben Taylor
James Lehman
Robert Ogles

DEACONESS - May 28, June 4, 11.
Mrs. Max Finkhousen

SUNDAY GREETERS - May
'58 Class
JUNE- Progressive Class

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PERSONAL MENTION

Rev. and Mrs. Johnson will be back in the city on Thursday of this week.

David Hall, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Hall has been awarded a four year scholarship to Purdue University for outstanding leadership and achievement. David will major in Engineering. Our congratulations and sincere best wishes to David Hall.

Mrs. Claude (Alda) Warner has been ill at her home. She suffered a slight stroke .

CAMP & CONFERENCE BLANKS should be in by Sunday, May 28th.

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"The city will determine the faiths of tomorrow. The religion that cannot prosper in the city will not survive... The religion that survives will have to out-love, out-give, out-suffer all other faiths.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
MAY 21, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| abes & Toddlers | 4 | .55 |
| ursery | 10 | 1.32 |
| indergarten | 14 | 1.39 |
| rimary D pt. | 32 | 6.75 |
| nior Dept. | 30 | 6.72 |
| nior High | 19 | 3.15 |
| igh School | 22 | 3.51 |
| oung Adults | 1 | 2.00 |
| airs & Spares | 11 | 5.85 |
| 58 Class | 18 | 7.00 |
| erean Class | 14 | 5.50 |
| ome Double | 21 | 7.50 |
| rogressive Class | 27 | 16.00 |
| riendly Class | 19 | 3.90 |
| len's Class | 8 | 4.50 |
| | 250 | $ 75.64 |

## CHILDREN'S DAY GOALS
JUNE 4, 1967
CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| abes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |
| lursery | 25 | 5.00 |
| indergarten | 30 | 7.00 |
| rimary Dept. | 50 | 10.00 |
| unior Dept. | 50 | 15.00 |
| unior High | 40 | 13.00 |
| ligh School Class | 35 | 15.00 |
| Young Adults | 10 | 5.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 10.00 |
| Berean Class | 25 | 25.00 |
| 58 Class | 35 | 50.00 |
| Come Double Class | 40 | 50.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 100.00 |
| Friendly Class | 25 | 40.00 |
| Men's Class | 10 | 25.00 |

"The work of the church in the seven-ties must be such a creative role in the process of planning that it influences the life of the city dweller for growth and development."

-Arthur J. Stanley

## ODE TO MY SISTER

Fruit of the same womb -
Kindred soul,
I'll miss you
More than you know.

Cloth from the same loom,
Carbons in soul,
Each fiber in me
Cries, "No!"

I would have offered my hand
To guide you in death,
As I did when you needed me here.
But, a greater strength met you
To comfort you there.
No longer you needed me near.

Alter ego of mine,
Mirror of sorrows and joys,
Your melody stopped
With the dawn.

The tune is at end,
The lyrics have ceased,
But, the song of your life
Lingers on.

--Frances J. Raynor

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LOVE - Love makes people believe in immortality because there seems not to be room enough in life for so great a tenderness and it is inconceivable that the most masterful of our emotions should have no more than the spare moments of a few brief years.

-- R.L. Stevenson

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The mounds of Babylon, the ruins of Palmyra, and Baalbek, the broken columns of the Roman Forum, all utter louder than Sinai the same warning. No matter how intellectual a people may become, how far the reach of its power, it seems to be an irresistible law that the nation that forgets God is wiped off the face of the earth.

---R.J. Cooke

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1967

10:15 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:00 A.M. Church School - Classes for all age groups.

7:00 P.M. Lecture and Question and answer - on "Provisional Design for Brotherhood Restructure" led by Dr. Kenneth Teegarden, Indianapolis.

(Nursery is supervised at all services for Infants & children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Sanctuary Choir - Thursdays 7:45 P.M.
High School - Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.
Bell Choir - Sundays at 4:00 P.M.

CHI RHO - No more Sunday evening meetings until Fall.

BOY SCOUTS - Friday at 7:00 P.M.

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The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home. - William Temple

From Page -1-

When Margaret was a little girl in Indianapolis, her heart was set upon having a bicycle. She prepared an advertisement for a girl's bike, and placed it in the Irvington (local) paper.

Then she wrote her grandparents, and her family, that if they planned to send her a birthday present, maybe they might like to send her money instead. They sent the money. She bought a slightly used bicycle for $7.50.

I tried to help her to learn to ride. While I was running beside her trying to steady her, she rode right out of my grasp, free and sure as a bird. She has done it again.

We are deeply thankful that our daughter is in the wise, understanding care of our loving Heavenly Father.

--Mother and Daddy

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THE TALENT

A meteor
Brilliant -
Alight in the sky.
There but a moment,
Then gone.

The flaming glow -
The aura
That deeply touches all
Lingers on.

-- Frances J. Raynor

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ATTENTION: SUMMER SCHEDULE - Beginning June 4, Morning Worship will be at 9:45 A.M. Church School will start at 8:30 A.M.

June 4 - is CHILDREN'S DAY in our Church School.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXV **Fort Wayne, Indiana.** June 1, 1967 No. 37


## "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HAD A KEY!"

And so has Franklin R. McGuire. He holds in his hand the key of love and understanding, a conviction, a deep obligation of service to his Master. A love of Brotherhood, a compassionate heart for those who are suffering or are in need.

The late secretary of Kentucky, when calling to offer sympathy to us in our hour of need said, "First Christian of Fort Wayne stole one of the best men in our Brotherhood in Kentucky. Congratulations!

So, unlock your hearts, surround the Rev. Franklin R. McGuire with your deepest love, and loyalty. First Church stand on the threshold of great days ahead under the leadership of Franklin and Rachel McGuire. -- V.L.J.

## AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS

There is no adequate way for us to say "thank you" at a time such as this. When we open our mouths to say what is in our hearts, a spiritual upheaval takes over and we are unable to express ourselves. The world lost a blythe happy person who gave herself away with both hands through her music. She wrote both words and music out of her experiences in Fort Wayne, which she never forgot, the singable song, "Church Twice on Sunday" which Dinah Shore broke on the Chevrolet Hour. "Church Twice on Sunday/ and once in the middle of the week/ Those good old revivals/ When they hit their highest peak/ How I loved to go to Church twice on Sunday/ It made me feel so good/ I'd love to mend my ways/ And go back to the days of my Childhood."

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Hugh Rice, 7001 Premiere Dr. for a carry-in luncheon on Tuesday, June 6, at 12:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Mark Snyder; Worship, Mrs. Neil Allen.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Ogles, 3322 Rosewood Dr. for a 10:30 Luncheon, Tuesday, June 6. Mrs. Barton Johnson will present the program; Worship by Mrs. A. N. Shockney.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. David Hogg, 3233 Chancellor Dr. for 10:30 Luncheon, on Wednesday, June 7. Program by Mrs. Henry Schryver; Worship by Mrs. Melvin Foster.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. W. E. Taylor at the Lutheran Home, Wednesday, June 7, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Hunt; Worship by Mrs. E N. Schlatter.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

The Hambidge Sisters, members of First Christian, will sing next Sunday June 4, at Franke Park Open Air Theater, at 4:00 P.M. as a part of a benefit for Y.M.C.A. Camp Potowatami.

Mrs. Claude Warner has been ill at her home.

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SYMPATHY to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice and the family of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rice, who lost their father, Charles Rice, 92. Memorial services were held May 29 in Rising Sun, Indiana.

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TIME CHANGE

JUNE 4, 1967 - MORNING WORSHIP 9:45 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL - 8:30 A.M.

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, June 4, 1967

ELDERS:

9:45 A.M. Service -

Eugene Klepfer
Walter Birkhold

DEACONS: Captain - Donald Smith

9:45 A.M. Service -

Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks Love
John Hechler
Ben Taylor
James Lehman
Robert Ogles

DEACONESSES - June 4, 11

Mrs. Max Finkhousen

SUNDAY GREETERS - June

Progressive Class

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## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Sunday, June 4 at 9:45 A.M. ...

Graduates from High School and from College are cordially invited to share in worship June 4.

The heartiest congratulations to you upon this achievement - and also to your parents.

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Recognized visitors May 28 include: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sefton; Mrs. Ollie Swineheart-Swanson, Montpelier, Ohio. Mr. & Mrs. James (Sandy) Kichu, 1705 Maplewood Rd.

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Hearty congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Donald R. Morgan. Don was promoted by Platka Export Company to be Sales Promotion Manager, responsible for export advertising and sales promotion of Platka.

Mr. James Goins is recovering from major surgery at 235 Lutheran Hospital.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
May 28, 1967

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .37 |
| Nursery | 10 | 1.37 |
| Kindergarten | 8 | .80 |
| Primary Dept. | 26 | 5.65 |
| Junior Dept. | 28 | 7.50 |
| Junior High | 15 | 3.18 |
| High School | 17 | 3.08 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 6 | 4.00 |
| '58 Class | 9 | 4.40 |
| Berean | 14 | 6.00 |
| Come Double Class | 10 | 6.50 |
| Progressive | 23 | 11.25 |
| Friendly Class | 15 | 2.25 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 3.25 |
| | 193 | $ 60.70 |

A highly instructive meeting was held Sunday evening, May 28 on the proposal for "Brotherhood Restructure" Dr. Kenneth Teegarden, Indianapolis, was the guest speaker. Following his address, questions were answered by him.

West Creighton, North Christian, North Highlands, and First Christian participated in the conference.

Mr. Ralph Church, Chairman of Elders, of First Christian Church, presided. The Rev. LaVerne Ervin offered the prayer, and Mr. Virgil Kelly, Chrm of the Board of West Creighton read the Scripture.

Coffee & tea were served after the meeting by Mr. & Mrs. Rufus Quinn, under sponsorship of CWF. It added much to the fellowship.

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WEDDING BELLS will ring on June 4 at 2:30 P.M. when Mr. Thomas DeWeese and Miss Marilyn Cole will be united in marriage by Rev. B.A. Johnson.

## CHILDREN'S DAY GOALS
## CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES
June 4, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |
| Nursery | 25 | 5.00 |
| Kindergarten | 30 | 7.00 |
| Primary Dept | 50 | 10.00 |
| Junior Dept | 50 | 15.00 |
| Junior High | 40 | 13.00 |
| High School Class | 35 | 15.00 |
| Young Adults | 10 | 5.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 10.00 |
| Berean Class | 25 | 25.00 |
| '58 Class | 35 | 50.00 |
| Come Double Class | 40 | 50.00 |
| Progressive | 50 | 100.00 |
| Friendly Class | 25 | 40.00 |
| Men's Class | 10 | 25.00 |

Mrs. Ida Mae England is ill at her daughter's home, 5104 Northcrest.

Mrs. Walter Craig is in Lutheran Hospital for surgery on Thursday of this week.

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## SIGNIFICANCE OF CHILDREN'S DAY

For the past 81 years the Christian churches have made special offerings on Children's Day for the support of the Outreach ministries. These offerings have sent hundreds of missionaries, doctors, teachers, to many countries. No country has been too remote, no hardship too harsh to deny the advance of the Christian message. The Christian Church is today deeply involved in many ministries through schools, hospitals, churches and Christian communities receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ daily. In order to sustain the present program and to extend the ministries of love and concern, our churches have been asked to lift their level of Outreach giving. Children's Day is a most significant day in the life of the Church.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1967

9:45 A.M. Morning Worship

8:30 A.M. Church School - Classes for all age groups.

(Nursery is supervised at all services for Infants and Children through 5 years)

CHOIR REHEARSALS: All rehearsals are ended for the summer season.

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Bruce Lehman is another of our High School graduates this year. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lampton, upon the birth of a baby daughter, Kristin Elizabeth, born May 26. Marilyn is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Klepfer.

Barbara Taylor, 11, had an emergency appendectomy at Lutheran Hospital May 26. She is the daughter of the Ben Taylors She is improving.

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Here is an excerpt from my brother's prayer at the close of Margaret's mem orial service. "How grateful we are fc death! For when these bodies of ours, for one reason or another, can no long support the spirit which thou hast give them, then it is that we may leave th like out-worn shells by life's unresting sea and take up our eternal abode witl Thee. This we know Margaret has don We thank Thee for her love of beauty, her sensitivity, her creativity, and for her loyalty. Above all, O God, we do not look upon death as a grim monster who has come to steal our beloved fro us, but rather as a minister of Thine bringing a blessed Benediction.

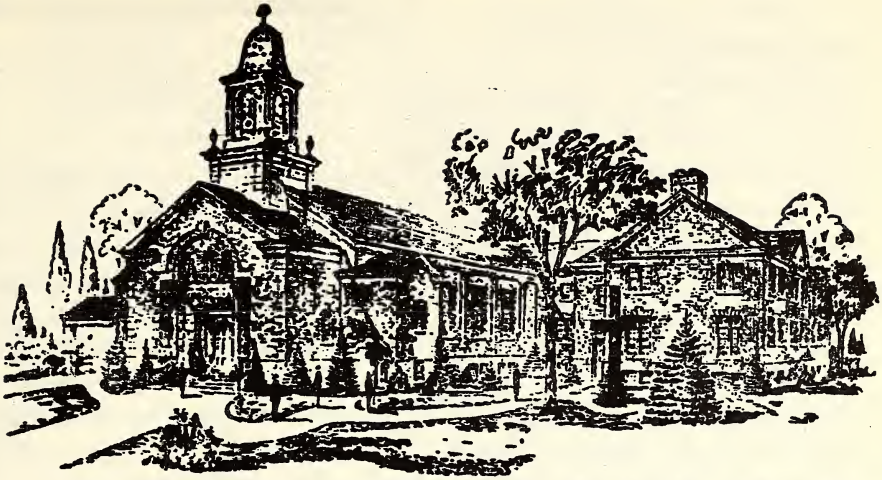
"So I looked up to God
And while I held my breath
I saw Him slowly nod;
And knew as I had never known augl else
With certainty sublime and pissionati,
Shot through with sheer unutterable bliss
I knew, there is no death but this God's kiss,
And then the waking to an everlasting love."

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May 28, 1967

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 275 |
| Church School Attendance | 193 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1178.78 |
| Church School Offering | 60.70 |
| Building Fund | 1.00 |
| | $ 1240.48 |

church mortgage balance .
$ 17,200.21



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## . . . 1967 GRADUATES 1967 . . .

Graduates we wish to honor:

Stephen Duncan, four year Honor Roll, National Honor Society, and South Side Scholar.

Julia Quinn, three year Honor Roll and Three Year Principal's List.

Janet Plummer, Four year Honor Roll

David Hall, Four year scholarship to Purdue University for outstanding leadership and achievement.

Kathy Weicker, Elmhurst, was recipient of the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award, presented to a graduating Senior girl.

Ann Morrical, Joan Johnston, Nathan Love, Gary Butler, Thomas Rayl, Michael Wetzel, Michael Coleman, Bruce Lehman, Steven Yentes, Eileen Williams, Michael Cole, Steven Powell, Loren Hanks,

Deborah Love from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing

Richard Cole, Indiana Institute of Technology

Erin Rose and Larry Ganter, from Butler University

Roberta Craig and Wallace Johnston, from Purdue University.

We congratulate these graduates upon this achievement. Also, we congratulate their parents, who have made sacrifices to assist their youth to graduate. If possible, we trust those graduating from High Schools, will seek further education to the end of a life of greater usefulness.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will have a carry-in dinner at the home of Mrs. H. M. Flowers, 9410 Saratoga Rd. Monday June 12, at 6:15 P.M. Program, "The Restless Church" Mrs. Vaught; Worship Mrs. S.E. Merriman.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. James Knight, 4421 Arlington Ave., Tuesday, June 13, at 7 P.M. Program by Mrs. Paul Yentes, Worship Mrs. James Knight.

The NELSON Group will meet for a pot-luck, Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 PM at the home of Mrs. Charles Hunt, 1721 Shamrock. Program by Mrs. John W. Williams, Worship, Mrs. James Cain.

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SYMPATHY to Mr. Claude Warner and the family of Mrs. Claude Warner, who passed away last Monday. Memorial services were held on Thursday.

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The families of Hugh Rice and Cecil Rice wish to express appreciation for the lovely flowers, cards and other expressions of sympathy accorded them during the recent illness and death of their father, Charles Rice.

Mrs. Edwin Day has been a patient in Lutheran Hospital, having undergone an emergency appendectomy.

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Mrs. Georgia Peery, mother of Mrs. John Williams has returned to her home in West Virginia. We shall miss her.

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Recently our lovely Chapel was redecorated. We wish to thank Mr. Gus Mueller, who made this possible.

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Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Edwards are on a trip to visit their daughters in Mass. They will be away several weeks.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday June 11, 1967

ELDERS:

9:45 A.M. Service -

David Hogg
George Bruckman

DEACONS: Captain, Paul Truby

9:45 A.M. Service -

Homer H. Stevenson
Arthur Huddleston
Jefferson Young
Dempsey Weaver
Lawrence Horn
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Robert Urich

DEACONESSES - June 11

Mrs. Max Finkhousen

SUNDAY GREETERS - June

Progressive Class

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### SHORT SERMON SERIES

We commence Sunday, June 11, a short series of sermons which will deal with a few of the significant Christian doctrine. Christians refer to these teachings often. Do we not need a much better understanding of the meanings involved?

The Gospel is so plain that every man is able to understand it, and to appropriate its wealth of meaning, if he gives it his undivided attention, and if he intends to obey it.

The question beneath each sermon is, "What do we mean by . . . . . ? The doctrines to be interpreted and the dates follow:

SERMON - June 11, "What Do We Mean by "GRACE"? (9:45 A.M.)

June 18, (9:45 A.M.) . . . . .
"HOLY SPIRIT !"

June 25, (9:45 A.M.) . . . .
'COMMUNION'

Sermon Series - Continued ...

July 2, (9:45) ....'THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS'

July, 9 (9:45 A.M.) .....
'THE COVENANT'

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At the Official Board meeting of June 6, the resignation of Mr. William Wetzel, choir director for the last ten years, was read and accepted with sincere regrets. He has served our church with distinction and given himself whole-heartedly. Mr. Wetzel has accepted summer employment elsewhere.

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Members who would like to contributed toward a going away gift in appreciation, for Mr. Wetzel, please contact any choir member.

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BEREAN CLASS - will have a picnic at Foster Park on Sunday, June 11 at 12:30 P.M.

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Mrs. Myrtle Drewett, sister of Harry Imbody, is quite ill in room 704, St. Joseph's Hospital.

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Miss Judith Rice, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Rice, received her Master's Degree from St. Francis College. Congratulations!

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We were pleased to see Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Uhl in the worship service June 4.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. James Goins, at home.

Barbara Taylor is recuperating nicely.

Mrs. Ida Mae England, at home

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Smiling is a contagion for which we want no antidote.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

June 4, 1967

CHILDREN'S DAY

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | 2.30 |
| Nursery | 10 | 3.00 |
| Kindergarten | 11 | 3.47 |
| Primary Dept. | 30 | 12.12 |
| Junior Dept. | 24 | 10.44 |
| Junior High | 21 | 2.41 |
| High School | 14 | 2.40 |
| Young Adults | 3 | 2.50 |
| Pairs & Spares | 11 | 16.00 |
| '58 Class | 15 | 11.50 |
| Berean Class | 15 | 25.00 |
| Come Double | 17 | 18.50 |
| Progressive | 28 | 103.67 |
| Friendly | 19 | 40.00 |
| Men's Class | 7 | 22.50 |
| | 227 | $ 299.36 |

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First Christian Church will hold a two week Vacation Bible Church School beginning Monday, June 19 -throught Friday June 30. The children will meet each morning Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. for a period of Bible study, music, crafts and recreation. For further information please call 745-9317 or 456-2659.

Our ladies have planned a vacation school the better to serve your children. Will you please bring/arrange to send your children, and their friends?

Mrs. Richard Vanderwall and Mrs. Robert Hendricks are co-chairmen of the school.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hogan are planning to be in Durham, N.C. this summer.

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Giving is one of the graces of the Christian life, not a burden.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1967

9:45 A.M. Morning Worship

8:30 A.M. Church School - Classes for all age groups.

(The Nursery is supervised for Infants and children through 5 years)

NO CHOIR REHEARSALS DURING THE SUMMER ...

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June 4, 1967

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Church Attendance | | 286 |
| Church School Attendance | | 227 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ | 1514.72 |
| Childrens Day Offering | | 299.36 |
| Building Fund | | 8.00 |
| | $ | 1822.08 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 17,200.21

If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. -Romans 8:9

## PERSONAL MENTION .....

WEDDING BELLS .. will ring on June 17 , at 7:30 P.M. for Erin Rose and Larry Ganter . Friends in the church are invited to attend the wedding.

Richard and Linda Cole will be making their home in Newport News, Va., this coming Fall, where Richard has accepted a position in his chosen field of engineering.

Wallace Johnson and Roberta Craig will be united in marriage by Rev. B. A. Johnson on June 10 at 4:30 P.M.

Last Saturday was the wedding day for Mr. & Mrs. Edward Barrett Thornburg, nee Judith Merrill, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Merrill.

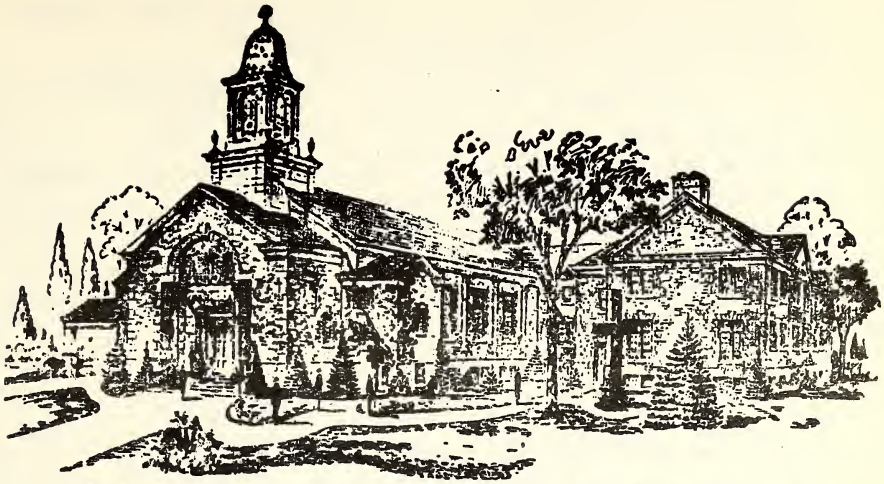
On Sunday June 4, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Deweese, nee Marilyn Cole, were united in marriage by Rev. B.A.Johnson. Marilyn is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Myron Cole.

We wish to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Russell Wortley, who united with this church Sunday, June 4. They come from the First Christian Church at Renssalaer. They will be making their home at 2229 Drake Drive.

GUESTS ... June 4 were: Miss Louise Larkin, Miss Madeline Carman, Miss Ruth Boyers, Miss Viola Corman, all friends from Covington, Ky.

Dr Richard Egly worshipped with his family, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Egly.

THOMAS J. INGMIRE, husband of Wanda Ripple Ingmire, will receive with honors, his Landscape Architecture Degree from Ohio State University June 13, where both are students. He has received the Regents Fellowship to University of California, Berkeley.




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## THE PROGRAM CARRIES ON

Mr. William Wetzel's resignation was presented to the Official Board, Tuesday, June 6th. It was accepted with sincere regrets, because he has rendered a most effective service, in a gracious manner, for the ten (10) years he has served as the Choir Director of First Christian Church.

Mr. Wetzel is a skilled musician. He has the gift of securing enthusiastic cooperation. He was generous with his services.

The musical program which he led was inclusive. It was in line with the practices of alert churches in providing opportunities for many persons in four age ranges to participate in producing music to the glory of God. This program helped to develope an appreciation of Christian music of the highest quality. It broadened and deepened participation. He led the Senior Choir, and High School Choir, and Junior Choir, and, lately, the new Bell Choir. We shall miss him. Our prayers and best wishes go with you, Mr. Wetzel.

In order that this highly important phase of the Church program carry on without interruption, Mrs. Henry (Claire) Schryver has been appointed as interim Choir director, and will serve until a permanent Choir director shall be secured. We appreciate her leadership.

Church music is highly important to First Christian Church for the sake of the on-going program. A good choir and wide spread participation is particularly important as you prepare to welcome your new minister, the Rev. Franklin R. McGuire on Sunday, August 6. Every one in his place in the Choir.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dale C. Hiler, (nee Mary Marguerite Barry) married by Rev. Johnson, on June 10.

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Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Caldlwell have returned from a vacation near Petoskey, Michigan.

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Robert Rayl's mother, Mrs. Rayl, is visiting here. Her home is Durham, N. C.

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Mrs. Frances Atkins, Miami, Fla., sister of Mrs. Wm. Conrad, is visiting in Fort Wayne.

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The '58 Class held a farewell picnic in Foster Park for Mr. & Mrs. Melvin & Elizabeth Foster, soon to being moving to Indianapolis. We regret losing the Fosters, but we wish them well.

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Congratulations to Mrs. John Young, daughter-in-law to Mr. & Mrs. Jeff. Young. She was named the "Business Woman of The Year"

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## AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Cecil Beck, 5872 Meadowbrook is ill at her home.

Mrs. Fred Grier (Jeannette) is a patient in Room 213, St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Hilda Simon has now returned home after being a patient in the hospital. Mrs. Edwin Day has also returned home.

Mr. James Goins is slowly improving.

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Word comes that the daughter-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Herman Weber, has been very ill.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, June 18, 1967

ELDERS:

9:45 A.M. Service -

Albert Powell

Ronald McVay

DEACONS: Paul Truby, Captain

9:45 A.M. Service -

Homer Stevenson

Arthur Huddleston

Jefferson Young

Dempsey Weaver

Lawrence Horn

Robert Cale

Marvin Crouse

Robert Urich

DEACONESSES - June 18, 25, July 2.

Mrs. Hendricks Love

Mrs. Glenn Miller

SUNDAY GREETERS - June

Progressive Class

JULY - Berean Class

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## SHORT SERMON SERIES

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June 25 - ". . . . . .COMMUNION!"

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July 9 - ". . . . . .THE COVENANT!"

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NOTE!: Members who would like to contribute toward a going away gift in appreciation for Mr. Wetzel, please contact any choir member.

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Fear God for his power;
Trust Him for his wisdom;
Love Him for his goodness;
Praise him for his greatness;
Believe him for his faithfulness;
Adore him for his holiness.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
### JUNE 11, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 2 | .75 |
| Nursery | 11 | 1.34 |
| Kindergarten | 10 | 2.07 |
| Primary Dept. | 23 | 6.83 |
| Juni or Dept | 27 | 7.49 |
| Junior High | 14 | 2.75 |
| High School | 15 | 2.99 |
| Young Adults | 1 | 1.25 |
| Pairs & Spares | 5 | 4.00 |
| '58 Class | 10 | 6.00 |
| Berean Class | 8 | 4.50 |
| Come Double | 11 | 7.00 |
| Progressive | 34 | 20.25 |
| Friendly Class | 17 | 3.20 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 3.25 |
| | 194 | $ 74.48 |

## DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL . . .

Our Vacation Church School begins next Monday, June 19 and will continue through Friday, June 30. The sessions are from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. There will be periods of Bible Study, music, crafts, music and fun. For further information please call 745-9317 or 456-2659. Please plan to bring your children and their friends.

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## CHRIST AND THE FAITHS OF MEN

The above title is the current mission study theme for the Disciples of Christ and other church bodies. World Call has become an excellent resource for the theme in that each issue brings an article related to the subject. We call attention to such an article in the July-August issue, by John E. McCaw professor of church history at Drake University Divinity School.

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Personal religion also means purse-and-all religion . Deeper giving means deeper living.

## DAILY VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL
### 1967 STAFF

Registrations - Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mrs George Bruckman

Refreshments - Mrs. Margaret Love ; helpers, Patty Wetzel, Becky Banet.

Morning Worship - Mrs. Barton Johnson

Music Leader - Mrs. George Davis

Nursery & Pre-school: Leader, Mrs. Gene Shirley; Helpers, Mrs. Wm. Hunt, Mrs. Herbert Banet, Barbara Hendricks.

Kindergarten : Leader, Mrs. Ronald McVay; Helpers - Mrs. Chas. Hunt, Mrs. Russell Wortley, Mrs. James Knight.

Primary: Leader, Mrs. Dennis Andrew; Mrs. W. J. Williams, Mrs. John Broom, Mrs. Howard Howell.

Junior Dept: Leader, Mrs. Hendricks Love, Helpers - Mrs. Harley Rex Meadows, Mrs. Ben Taylor.

Youth Seminar (Evenings) Leaders - Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson Helpers Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mr & Mrs. Ross Nierman, Mr. & Mrs. William Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Don. Sell.

Closing Night Exercises - Refreshments: Mrs. Floyd Morrical, Mrs. Wm. Crouse.

Cradle Room (Teachers Babies) Mrs. Mary Wagner

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TWO WORLDS . . . What one middle-class church in a comfortable suburb is doing other churches can do also. We dare not be concerned for ourselves alone - and we probably will not be after we read Donald C. Stockford's article "Two Worlds" in the July-August World Call.

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8:30 A.M. Church School - Classes for all age groups

(The Nursery is supervised for infants and children through 5 years)

THIS CHOIRS WILL NOT HOLD RE-HEARSALS DURING JULY & AUGUST.

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## PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

The Progressive Class will hold their annual picnic at Shoaff Park, (North Pavilion) Sunday, June 25. Supper will be served at 5 O'clock. But come early for games and fellowship. Bring a meat dish and a passing dish and your table service.

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Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Johnston who were married June 10 by Mr. Johnson, are going into the International Voluntary Service (similar to the Peace Corp) in Vientiane, Laos. They expect to be gone at least a year.

## THE REV. MCGUIRE ARRIVES . . . SUNDAY, AUGUST 6.

It is not too soon to begin to prepare for the coming of your new permanent minister, the Rev. & Mrs. F.R. McGuire and family, Sunday, August 6. You have been looking forward to this day. May the Lord bless this beloved church and your new minister.

Your interim minister and wife will terminate their service as of Sunday, July 16. A splendid supply minister will be announced for July 23 & 30.

The Rev. and Mrs. Johnson have been called to Tipton, Indiana, to serve during the sabbatical leave of the Rev. Norval Lyon and wife. He will study in Oxford, England. This is a wonderful step in advance for the Tipton Church to give its minister a year for additional study and renewal.

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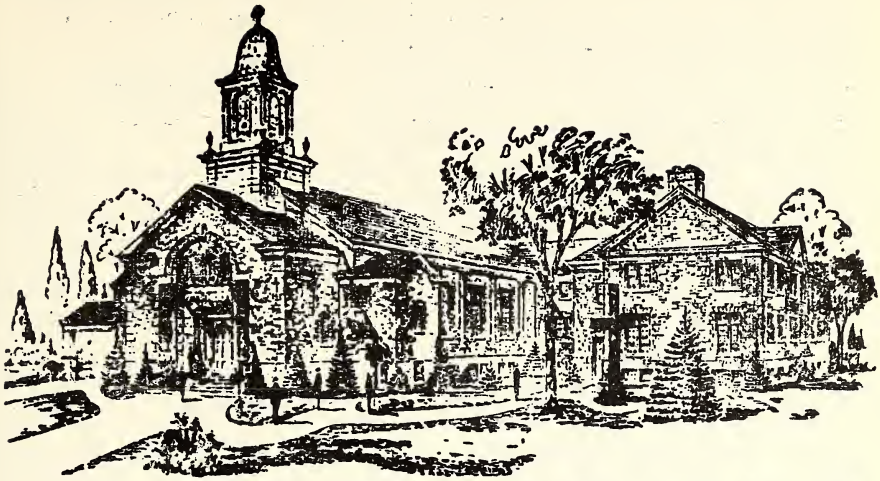
June 11, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 253 |
| Church School Attendance | 194 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 959.85 |
| Church School Offering | 74.48 |
| Children's Day Offering | 30.00 |
| Building Fund | 2.00 |
| | $ 1066.33 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . $ 17,200.21

SUNDAY'S SERMON:
"WHAT DO WE MEAN BY 'THE HOLY SPIRIT' "
Scripture Ephesians 4: 17-32, RSV

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## LEADERSHIP - WHAT ABOUT IT?

Ministerial leadership, AND lay-leadership are both highly important to the Church.

In our church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), laymen play a very important role ... They have both the privilege and the responsibility to share in the formulating the Church's program. But no program, however worthy it appears, is much good as long as it remains on paper, in the planning stage.

The work of Christ and the Church gets done, only when laymen working with the minister plan the program, and then with enthusiasm, labor to transmute those plans into appropriate Christian action.

May we also say a word about the ministry? The office/function of the ministry deserves to be respected. The office demands his ALL of every minister. He is expendible. Unfortunately, across the years, unworthy men have misused this office. They have weakened, and divided, and deserted the flock. They deserve the condemnation of Jesus: "He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees .... " (John 10: 12 ff)

The possibility of a divided, weakened Church is the reason why our Pulpit Supply Committee was right. They had the welfare of the church to consider. They took sufficient time to select a worthy minister. They could have done First Christian Church irreparable harm by acting hastily, and without due consultation with the General Secretary, and the congregation.

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## LOVE MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND!

June is the month for brides. We were married June 19, 1922 - 45 years we have spent in the ministry of His Church The one thing I can pass on to Couples just starting out together - Keep your Devotional Life regularly , Keep close to your Church, work in it, play in it. It helps to keep your stars polished doing something together for some one else. Never let the Sun set on a quarrel, read good books, listen to good records, choose good entertainment and good friends and by all means live within your means - Bring up your children in the admonition of the Lord and my guess is that when you celebrate your 45th Anniversary you can look deeply into each others eyes and say -

"Come grow old with me
The best of Life is yet to be ..."

Yes there are hardships, a loss of a job, death will come within the family, but what a Blessed thing it is if you can look back and say -

"What we have done we have done together ."

Next week we are going to talk about those who have been married 50 years.

What can they say to us?

--Vivian Johnson

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations to Dr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Hayhurst (Nee Judith Gayle Rice) married June 17th.

Congratulations to Lt. and Mrs. Larry G. Ganter (nee Erin Gaynell Rose) Married June 17.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Guenin are the parents of a second son born June 15. Congratulations!

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, June 25.

ELDERS:

9:45 A.M. Service -

William H. Crouse
Ralph Church

DEACONS: - Paul Truby, Captain

9:45 A.M. Service -

Homer H. Stevenson
Arthur Huddleston
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E.M. O'Laughlin
Herbert Banet
Paul Yentes
Cecil Beck

DEACONESSES - June 25, July 2

Mrs. Hendricks Love
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SUNDAY GREETERS - June

Progressive Class

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"WHAT DO WE MEAN BY ....."

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SERMON - June 25 "...COMMUNION?"

July 2 - "....THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS!"

July 9 - "......THE COVENANT!"

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The Interim minister and wife celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary June 19. Congratulations!

Mr. & Mrs. Walter C. Birkhold 221 West Maple Grove Ave., will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on July 14. Heartiest congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. William Kintzel, 3001 Morrell Dr. upon the birth of a baby girl, June 16.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
JUNE 18, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .46 |
| Nursery | 11 | 1.15 |
| Kindergarten | 8 | 2.91 |
| Primary Dept. | 20 | 4.74 |
| Junior Dept. | 29 | 7.77 |
| Junior High | 15 | 3.95 |
| High School | 18 | 3.13 |
| Young Adults | 2 | -- |
| Pairs & Spares | 10 | 2.50 |
| 58 C;ass | 13 | 6.40 |
| Berean Class | 10 | 2.37 |
| Come Double | 11 | 9.85 |
| Progressive Class | 19 | 9.75 |
| Friendly Class | 17 | 2.91 |
| Men's Class | 7 | 4.25 |
| | 194 | $ 62.35 |

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ...

Vacation Church School began last Monday morning at 9 A.M. and will continue on week-days through June 30. The closing session will be Friday eve. June 20, at 7:00 P.M. Parents are invited and we urge you to come.

Others helping in our Daily Bible Schoo are: Mrs. Garland Morrolf, Mrs. Keith Plasterer and Jimmy Taylor. Mrs. Robt. Ogles, and Mrs. Troy Yeoman.

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Articles in THE CHRISTIAN (current issue) deal with, the Custodian, and with the Minister. Maybe you'd like to read them.

Mr. & Mrs. Carl MacDonald, Hemet, California are visiting his sisters, Mrs. Walter Birkhold, Mrs. Olive Roy, and Mrs. Leon Smith.

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John R. Thompson at 742-7153 (office phone) or, 484-2785 (home phone).

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NOTE - YOUTH OF CHURCH

All the youth of the Church are asked to meet immediately after Sunday School Sunday, June 25. (9:30 prompt)

The youth of our Church are to assist with the Worship Services on next Sunday morning, at the Aboite Christian Church . They will read the scripture, offer the prayers, furnish the special music and bring sermonettes. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve Christ and His Church.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Word comes that Mrs. Jack Sweeney (Penny) is a patient in the Penrose Hospital, Room 801, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Brenda Brown, the small daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brown, had major surgery at Lutheran. She is recovering nicely.

Mrs. Ida Mae England is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

The Rev. A.N. Shockney is ill at his home, 4840 So. Hanna St.

The Chancel flowers on June 18 were given by Mr. Claude Warner in loving memory of his late wife, Alta.

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SUNDAY'S SERMON:

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY . . . . . 'COMMUNION'?"

From Page -1-

It is not in the interest of either the Church, or the minister to have a short, incomplete ministry.

First Christian Church is to be congratulated upon having called the Rev. Franklin R. McGuire as the permanent minister. They are also to be congratulated upon having selected a wise and responsible Pulpit Supply Committee.

Soon your new minister will be coming - August 6. Respect and follow his leadership. Pray also for continuing wise, faithful lay-leadership who will put mind, and heart, and soul into the loving service of Christ through this Church.

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FISCAL/MISSIONARY YEAR CLOSES JUNE 30

The missionary year closes June 30. All funds intended for missions need to be in the Church office Sunday, June 25 so as to be duly processed. All treasurers need to mail checks post marked by midnight June 30, so the money will count. The contributions to missions are urgently needed. We, at First Christian Church, take particular pride in giving generously to missions, and giving on time.

Also, the current expenses of First Christian Church will continue through the summer, just as the church program continues.

To these ends: to meet our missionar obligations in full; and to pay the bills of the Church, may we suggest that members please strive to bring their pledges up to date as of June 25th. If you do not have a pledge, why not mak a generous lump-sum contribution, because it is needed? Thank you!




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XXV Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 29, 1967 No. 4


## MR. VANDERWALL TRANSFERRED

Richard M. Vanderwall, chairman of our Official Board, will close his assignment with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of U.S. in Fort Wayne as of July 31, 1967. He has accepted a new assignment as of August 1st at St. Paul Minnesota.

First Christian Church and their many friends in Fort Wayne lose the Vanderwall family with deepest regrets. They have grown in stature and in Service. Each member of the family has contributed generously of leadership.

The family will take two weeks vacation following July 31 at Webster Lake, near Barbee Lake. Mr. Vanderwall will be present for the first Sunday of the incoming permanent minister, the Rev. F. R. McGuire, Sunday, August 6. The family expect to move to St. Paul about August 31.

As the interim minister, may I appeal to First Christian Church to "close ranks"; and redouble your efforts upon behalf of Christ and the Church. --BAJ

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## 1917 - 1967

There is a very special couple among those who have been married 50 years. When you talk to people in the church, they say, "Yes, they called on me;.. He and Brother George, are the reason for my finding Christ;" or, "Oh yes, the Birkholds brought me communion when I was ill."

First Christian is infinitely richer in fellowship because of the lives and service of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Birkhold.

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YOUTH SERVE

Two young people from First Christian Church, Miss Linda Jenkins and Rick Vanderwall, conducted the Sunday Worship Service at the Aboite Christian Church last Sunday, June 25. Miss Becky Buskirk sang the solo, "How Great Thou Art" for the special music. Mrs. Clair Buskirk assisted them. Thank you for serving.

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BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Members who have borrowed Church or CWF library books , it will be greatly appreciated if you will please return them so they can be re-catalogued. Mrs. Dennis Andrew has recently been appointed to serve as CWF Librarian . We respectfully ask your cooperation.

Mrs. Vaught, CWF President

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Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Minier (nee Becka Lynn Herrmann) were married , by Rev Johnson, on June 24. Mr. Minier is the nephew of the Rev. Albert A. Coil.

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The Paul Reeces, who have many friends in the Church, are expected to visit here during the week-end.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday July 2, 1967

ELDERS:

9:45 A.M. Service -

Glenn Miller

DEACONS: Captain - Paul Truby

9:45 A.M. Service -

Homer Stevenson
Arthur Huddleston
Jefferson Young
Dempsey Weaver
E.M. O'Laughlin
Herbert Banet
Paul Yentes
Cecil Beck

DEACONESSES - July 2

Mrs. Hendricks Love
Mrs. Glenn Miller

SUNDAY GREETERS - July

Berean Class

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We are continuing our sermons seeking to discover the meaning underlying the great terms used to express the Christian faith, viz,

" The Grace of God";
" The Holy Spirit";
" The Lord's Supper"

July 2nd we will ask what do Christians mean by - the Forgiveness of Sins? The Scripture will be Luke 7: 36-50. Does forgiveness have meaning for you? There are two illustrations you ought not to miss.

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DEFENSIVE DRIVING!

All of us face a long holiday -July 1st through the 4th. Many people will be on the road. May all of our readers drive defensively, please.

And wouldn't it be a demonstration of Christian devotion for you and your family to make a special effort to be in Worship, in a receptive spirit, July 2

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Floyd Morrical suffered a couple of broken ribs June 26, in a car accident.

Sincere sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Merland Heller. She lost her brother, Frank Townsend, of Jerome, Arizona.

Sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Melvin McNamee, who lost her mother, Mrs. Mary Johnston. Memorial services were held in Walton, Ky.

Sympathy to the family of Mrs. Ida Mae England who died June 25. Memorial services were held on Wednesday of this week. Mrs. England was a long time member of First Christian Church.

Rev. A.N. Shockney has been ill and in Lutheran Hospital, Room 630.

Mr. Edward Ashton, known to many of our members, is a patient in Lawton Nursing Home.

Mr. & Mrs. Rolland Ripple expect to leave Friday on an N.E.A. trip to visit European countries. We wish them refreshing experiences, and deepened historical insights. They will fly.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chevalier expect to leave July 6, to attend the Supreme United Commercial Travelers Convention in San Francisco. They expect to be gone during July.

Mr. & Mrs. Chevalier are looking forward to celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary on August 21.

Mr. Chevalier will be retiring as of August 31. Hearty congratulations! He is an Elder.

We delight to welcome Mrs. Walter Van Etten, 4936 Mount Vernon, who comes by transfer from the First Christian Church, Richmond, Indiana.

Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Glass have moved to 2817 Westbrook, Apt. 106. We hope they will enjoy their new home.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

JUNE 25, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 2 | .25 |
| Nursery | 9 | 1.15 |
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| Primary Dept | 24 | 4.26 |
| Junior Dept. | 29 | 7.47 |
| Junior High | 19 | 4.65 |
| High School | 14 | 3.73 |
| Pairs & Spares | 6 | 4.50 |
| '58 Class | 13 | 7.00 |
| Berean Class | 15 | 5.00 |
| Come Double Class | 16 | 7.75 |
| Progressive Class | 24 | 12.35 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 4.70 |
| Men's Class | 8 | 4.05 |
| | 207 | $69.47 |

Mr. & Mrs. James Goins wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the women of CWF and to Rev. Johnson and others who were so thoughtful in sending cards and calling while Mr. Goins was in the hospital.

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WHY TITHE? - because it's the only way to do what God wants us to do - give joyously. The author said, "Until I began tithing I had to be driven by my conscience to give even the small amount I contributed to His cause. Once I accepted His plan, it became a real joy to give. And as I realized that the money given, representing a part of my very life, was being used by Him to carry on His Gospel to the ends of the earth, thereby making me literally 'a laborer together with God,' that joy deepened."

Tithing begets and fosters spiritual growth and development. Does tithing pay? Ask the man who tithes, and he will tell you yes - richly.

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PLEASE NOTE - During the month of July the Church secretary will be on vacation. She will be in the office on Monday and Tuesday only, of each week. For important calls, she can usually be reached at her home - 445-0094.

June 25, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 235. |
| Church School Attendance | 207 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1111.00 |
| Church School Offering | 69.47 |
| | $ 1180.47 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . .
$ 16,079.04

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The 14th of July the Birkholds will have been married FIFTY YEARS, witnessing for Christ every day in a quiet, sincere way. Ethel is the daughter of a Disciple minister, and Walter is a devoted layman of this Church, serving his turn as Elder, Deacon, treasurer - why he used to carry an extra key to open the church at Fairfield and Jefferson. He was chairman of the Pulpit Supply Committee which brought us to Fort Wayne, in 1934.

Wouldnt it be wonderful if we could have a cool drink and a beautiful cake immediately following the Church Service on July 9th in Fellowship Hall? Thus we may express our warm appreciation to this beloved couple.

WHEN? - July 9th, immediately following worship; WHERE? - Fellowship Hall; WHO? - Everyone who can get here.

Committee: Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Church, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Weber, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mrs. W. Conrad, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Allen, Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Vanderwall, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Morrica, Mr. & Mrs. Rufus Quinn.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## "A LOOK AHEAD"

"What do we mean by 'The Covenant ?" will be the sermon on July 9, at 9:45 A.M.

July 16, will provide opportunity for silent, guided prayer upon behalf of the vital concerns confronting First Christian Church. Anyone who prays, and is interested in the work being done through First Christian Church will want to be present.

July 23 and July 30, Dr. Beauford A. Norris, the president of Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, will supply the pulpit. Our church is most fortunate to be able to secure Dr. Norris.

The new permanent minister, the Rev. Franklin R. McGuire, will commence his term of service on Sunday, August 6.

Please work, and pray, and bring friends that August 6 will be a memorable day, with a large expectant congregation present, ready to be led by the Holy Spirit.

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## "A SMALL PART IS IMPORTANT"

How would you like to read your own obituary? That is what Charles Brookfield, an actor, did one day. He was erroneously reported dead and had the unique opportunity to reading his own obituary. Among other things it said "....never a great actor, he was invaluable in small parts."

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## 50 GOLDEN YEARS

We hope you will plan to pause a moment after 11 A.M. Sunday, July 9, to honor the Walter Birkholds, in Fellowship Hall. Let us help them celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. To expedite the serving, we have set up a table for the children; and also a table for the adults.

The hostesses for the children's table will be Mrs. Rufus Quinn, Cake; Mrs. Floyd Morrical, punch. At the adult table, Mrs. Wm. Conrad and Miss Pearl Heidecker will serve cake and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell and Mrs. Kenneth Edwards will be at the punch bowl.

Mrs. Wm. Crouse and Mrs. Herman Weber are the refreshment committee.

The receiving line includes Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birkhold, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Church , and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vanderwall.

Decorations and directors of the line are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Allen.

At the doors to greet you will be Mr. William Crouse and Mr. Rufus Quinn, Mr. Herman Weber, and Mr. Floyd Morrical.

The heartiest congratulations - ETHEL and WALTER.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

The Rev. A.N. Shockney has gone home after spending several days in Lutheran hospital..

Mrs. Robert Scott gave a delightful dinner party, July 1st to honor Mr and Mrs. Paul Reece, Ardmore, Penn. He was a former elder. Their son, David is a chemist at DuPont's in Wilmington, Delaware. Son Dean is the Ford dealer there.

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The most unprofitable item ever manufactured is an excuse.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday July 9, 1967

ELDERS:

9:45 A.M. Service -

Alfred Schell
Ronald McVay

DEACONS: Captain, Paul Truby

9:45 A.M. Service -

Lawrence A. Horn
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Robert Urich
E.M.O'Laughlin
Herbert Banet
Paul Yentes
Cecil Beck

DEACONESSES - July 9, 16, 23

Mrs. Ralph Church
Mrs. William Love

SUNDAY GREETERS - July

Berean Class

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## BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Members who have borrowed books from the Church or CWF Library, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make a point of returning them during July, so they can be re-catalogued. Thank you!

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## HELP WANTED - MEN ....

Dedicated Christian men wanted to help clean and paint the Church Kitch on SATURDAY - JULY 15 - at 8:30 A 'till finished. Guaranteed work available, good Christian fellowship, and satisfaction of giving a talent for God. Fringe benefits include coffe and roll snack breakfast and a carry-in lunch. Lunch prepared by Christian Women's Fellowship. Only Christians willing to share a Saturday need apply. Apply t John R. Thompson, 742-7153 (office) or, 484-2785 (home).

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

July 2, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 2 | .25 |
| Nursery | 7 | 2.03 |
| Kindergarten | 6 | .78 |
| Primary Dept. | 15 | 3.37 |
| Junior Dept. | 20 | 7.26 |
| Junior High | 14 | 1.50 |
| High School | 15 | 3.30 |
| Pairs & Spares | 12 | 6.65 |
| '58 Class | 5 | 2.00 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 5.00 |
| Come Double | 9 | 6.00 |
| Progressive Class | 23 | 13.00 |
| Friendly Class | 14 | 2.59 |
| | 154 | $ 53.73 |

A SUCCESSFUL DAILY VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held.

The closing program of the DVCS at First Christian Church was held June 30. The program was excellent, and the attendance is estimated between 125 and 135.

There was 59 enrolled; and 54 attended regularly. THAT is highly commendable.

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Robert Hendricks and Mrs. Richard Vanderwall and their splendid corps of teachers. We thank the parents for their active support.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. John (Helen) Steigerwald had a cataract operation at St. Joseph's Hospital. Room 507.

Mrs. Myrtle Drewett, is in St. Jos. Hospital, Room 701.

Mrs. Grace Tharp has been released from the hospital and is now at home with her son, Bueford Tharp.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schubel are on vacation to points South: Ft. Lauderdale Florida, and Atlanta. Ga.

YOUTH SEMINAR ...

In conjunction with the 1967 Vacation Church School and their chairman, Mrs. Richard Vanderwall, the Youth Seminar Committee held a series of programs for the Youth of our church. These programs included a Kick-off Service at Foster Park; a visit to the Crosier House of Studies; a visit to the Fort Wayne City Court during a Saturday morning session with a short talk by Judge Christoff; a complete Sunday morning church service presented by the Youth for the Aboite Christian Church; and a tour of the Wood Youth center. The Youth of our Church expressed a desire to give something in return for what they were given. They voted to purchase exercise equipment for the youth housed in the Wood Youth Center. They asked that this committee get permission from the Church to hold a car wash on the church lot to EARN this money to buy this equipment for these needy children.

John Thompson is chairman of the Youth Seminar Committee.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Brickley entertained Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Hetrick, and the minister and wife, for Sunday dinner at their cottage at Long Lake, July 2.

Dr. & Mrs. Roy Doornbos (nee Gayle Scott) Whitewater, Wisc. visited her mother, Mrs. Scott over the week-end. They took Mrs. Scott home with them.

The sister of Charles Dilts, Mrs. Perry Orr died. Interment was at Bryant. Ind.

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If there be lying before you any bit of work from which you shrink, go straight up to it.! The best way to get rid of it is to do it. In every piece of honest work, we are fellow-laborers with God.

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SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1967

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If anyone would like to donate books for the Library, or money for new books please see Mrs. Vaught, or myself.

Good books feed the mind and develop the Soul." Thank you and happy reading. -- Mrs. Dennis Andrew.

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That could be said of 99 percent of the human race. Most of us have small parts, but let those small parts be neglected and you would have no telephone no electric service, no public transportation, no public schools, no Sunday School teachers, no mothers, no fathers, Our part in life may be small, but in the economy of God it is vital. Please read James 3:5. . . .Vivian Johnson.

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July 2, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 257 |
| Church School Attendance | 154 |
| Regular Church Offering | 2342.46 |
| Church School Offering | 53.73 |
| Building Fund | 10.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 26.20 |
| | $ 2432.39 |

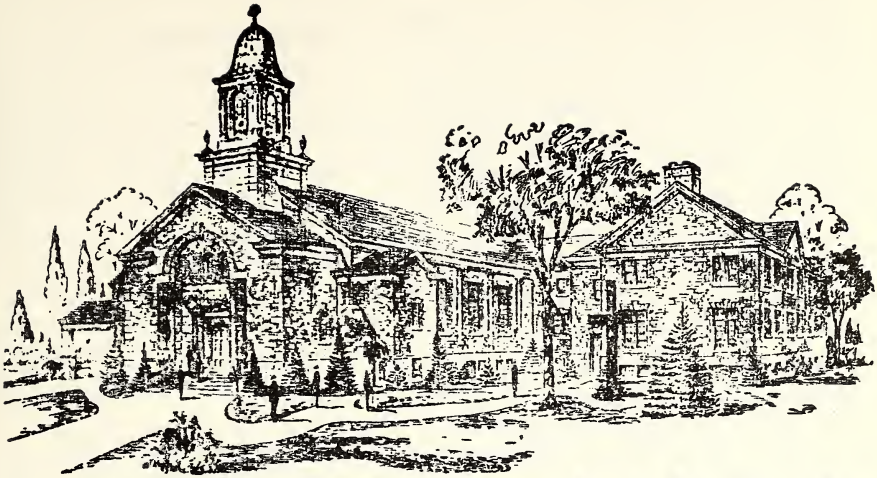
CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . .
$ 16,079.04

## LIBRARY NOTES!!

In an effort to "clean up" our library, we are asking that over-due books be returned. Books kept for more than one month are now subject to a 4 cents per day penalty, which may be placed in the card file. The money will be used to purchase new books.

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## YOUR WORK IS CUT OUT FOR YOU!

How goes it with First Christian Church? Taken as a whole, the congregation has held together remarkably, in spite of the readjustments which accompany a change of ministerial leadership. The church has missed the Rev. George Wascovich very much. Some members have failed to sense that the interval between ministers constitutes both a DANGER and a CHALLENGE to the church, and to the membership. Some have been taking it easy, and been quite irregular in attendance. Those who have continued faithfully have grown in discipleship, in loyalty to Christ, and in Christian love.

During the period from September 11, 1966, and July 9, 1967, there have been twenty-three (23) additions to the church. We rejoice that each person has chosen to make First Christian his church home.

As you know, the church has sustained some very serious losses by persons moving away. You are able to recall persons whom we all cherish, and who have been of the utmost assistance, who have moved, or will move away shortly. We will miss them greatly. We are grateful for Christian fellowship with them. And we pray that they will identify themselves with the work of Christ where they locate.

The challenges confronting First Christian Church are entirely TOO GREAT for any minister, however effective, to surmount alone. No church can rightfully expect any minister to perform those services which are the Christian obligation of EACH member, and the obligation of the church as a corporate body.

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## - YES - 50 GOLDEN YEARS -

THE BIRKHOLD'S shall never forget the wonderful reception given us following the Worship Services on July 9th. Neither can we express the gratitude we hold in our hearts for that occasion and the beautiful cards and expressions of kindness spoken to us. For all of these we feel so unworthy, but are extremely proud to be a member of such a wonderful congregation. Our hearts can only say thanks a million to all of you who shared in making July 9th the most memorable time in our lives. May God bless all of you!

Walter and Ethel Birkhold

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## FAREWELL RECEPTION

The will be a 'Coffee' in Fellowship Hall next Sunday morning following the worship services in honor and farewellfor Barton and Vivian Johnson.

We shall need cookies and volunteers to help. Please call John Thompson, chairman of the Committee, 484-2785 or 742-7153.

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About a year ago these dear people, Barton and Vivian Johnson, came to us to serve - they have established themselves in the hearts and lives of our people here in First Christian, Their able leadership and friendliness and concern will always be remembered. The 'Coffee' is one way in which our congregation can show them a little of how very much we have appreciated them and their sincerity of purpose . We are the better for their being with us these several months. May God richly bless them in the years that lie a= head.

With Paul let us say:" The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you"

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday July 16.

ELDERS:

9:45 A.M. Service -

Earl Plummer
Cecil Rice

DEACONS - Paul Truby, Captain
Lawrence A. Horn
Robert Cale
Marvin Crouse
Robert Urich
E.M. O'Laughlin
Herbert C. Banet
Paul Yentes
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DEACONESSES - July 16, 23
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## PERSONAL MENTION

Gayle Scott - Mrs. Roy Doornbos, Jr. has accepted a position as of this Sept. as Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Physical Education at Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

## OUR SCHEDULE:

July 16, Close interim ministry at First Christian Church, Fort Wayne.

July 18-26, Visit our daughter Frances and husband in New York.

July 27 - Fort Wayne for one day.

July 28, Drive to Curtis, Michigan for vacation. Address: Trails End, Curtis, Michigan. % Gerald Higgins.

August 17, Move to Tipton, Indiana
Address - 215 W. Washington St.
46072

August 20 - Begin an interim ministry with the West Street Christian Church, Tipton, Indiana

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## A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

The Worship Service July 16, at 9:45 AM. is based upon the assumptions that you are Christian; and that prayer is the expression of one's highest asperations, when in the spirit of Christ; and that prayer ennobles and enables those who pray.

When the Church at Antioch of Syria was assembled in prayer (Acts 13:1-3) then the Holy Spirit was able to speak to them; and they obeyed gladly.

Prayer involves a person. We become concerned for the persons for whom we pray. That is one secret of intercessory prayer.

Would you like to unite with fellow Christians in guided silent prayer for the major concerns confronting First Christian Church? We welcome you, July 16.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Rufus Quinn and daughter, Julie, left Sunday morning for Southeast Mo. to visit her sister, who is quite ill.

Mrs. Gorden Welker continues to be a patient at Lutheran, 595.

Mrs. James Knight is in Lutheran for surgery.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

July 9, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 1 | .25 |
| Nursery | 8 | 1.33 |
| Kindergarten | 4 | 1.23 |
| Primary Dept. | 18 | 3.55 |
| Junior Dept | 22 | 6.48 |
| Junior High | 12 | 2.63 |
| High School | 14 | 2.12 |
| Pairs & Spares | 6 | 4.00 |
| '58 Class | 8 | 3.00 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 3.89 |
| Come Double | 9 | 3.95 |
| Progressive | 33 | 18.25 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 3.90 |
| Men's Class | 7 | 4.75 |
| | 159 | $ 59.38 |

## CAR-WASH

The Young Seminar Group of our Church will have a car-wash next Saturday, July 15, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. $1.00 Proceeds will go to purchase equipment for the Wood Youth Center. ALL our youth and Chi Rho are encouraged to come and help in this project. Each to bring 2 or 3 old towels. We seek the cooperation of our members in this venture.

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Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Robt. DeVaux, 318 W. Pettit, who lost her mother recently.

Carl Thomas is a patient in Parkview.

Bro. John Williams is a patient at Lutheran.

Mrs. Henry Schryver and son, Bud, are spending several days in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Myrtle Drewett wishes to express her thanks and appreciation to those who called or sent cards during her recently illness.

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It requires a strong constitution to withstand repeated attacks of prosperity.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1967

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8:30 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all age groups.
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Kindergarten, Primary and Junior Church are not meeting during the summer.

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Edwin R. (Chip) Allen, president of our CYF attended the District Youth Delegates State Convention recently. The delegates planned the CYF program for Indiana for the ensuing year.

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Is the Lord concerned with our timidity? Moses felt unequal to the task of leading the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt. But God reinforced Moses mightily when once he made a beginning at the task to which he had been called. Does not God understand us and our limitations? Isn't He much more concerned that we try to do our very best, trusting in His grace?

As the Rev. Franklin R. McGuire comes, please RE-DOUBLE your prayers, your personal witness, your stewardship, and your personal concern. If you make the start, others will follow you. Then the church will be able to attract more persons into the fellowship, and may help them to grow in Christian spirit.

Please pray that you yourself may be more dedicated than every before, and that you may be a better Christian.

-- Barton A. Johnson

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July 9, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 260 |
| Church School Attendance | 159 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1410.00 |
| Church School Offering | 59.38 |
| Building Fund | 34.00 |
| | $ 1503.38 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . .
$16,079.04

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Just another reminder to members who have books borrowed from the Church or CWF library - will you please get them returned to the church during this month of July, so they may be re-catalogued. Thank you!

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Volume XXV Fort Wayne, Indiana. July 20, 1967 No. 43


## PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR NEW MINISTER

Your new minister, the Rev. Franklin R. McGuire, will begin his ministry at First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, Sunday, August 6, at 9:45 A.M.

You have been looking forward to the coming of the new minister with high hopes. His ministry is linked with the future of First Christian Church because of the challenging obligations you face.

Are you able to imagine how you would feel in his place? What would you hope for if you were the new minister? Wouldn't you like to feel that you had the moral and spiritual support of the whole church? Brother McGuire has been chosen democratically and unanimously. What can you do to welcome the McGuires? You can go to them, smile, and express a warm, enthusiastic welcome. Please give them the time and the opportunity to know you.

Are you willing to pray FOR and WITH the new minister whom you have called? You and he have entered into a covenant. He has promised to serve Christ in and through First Christian Church. You have promised to support his work, and the Church's program by your presence, by your prayers, and by your enthusiastic moral support. Trust your minister to give you the very best leadership within his power. He is an experienced leader.

Regular attendance helps immeasurably to build up the Church in fellowship and in loyalty to Christ YOUR attendance honors our Lord.

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## EMPTY WAGONS RATTLE

Most parents earnestly strive to impress upon their children the dignity of Courtesy. My parents especially disliked the interruption of one speaker by another.

One sunny spring morning when birds were singing, father called to me in the yard: "Vivian do hear anything besides the birds?" I listened a moment before I answered, "Yes, there is a wagon a way off and the horses seem to be running very fast."

Dad said, "Yes, it is an EMPTY wagon. Do you know how I can tell?" I replied, "No." He said, "Because it RATTLES so. EMPTY wagons make the most noise."

That was all, but across the years whenever I hear a clatterer running on and on, my father's voice comes back to me: "EMPTY wagons make the most noise."

---Vivian Johnson

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## PERSONAL MENTION

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the congregation of First Christian Church for the warm and inspirational fellowship we enjoyed on the two Sundays we were privileged to be in your midst.

...Paul and Lola Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Crouse and family have returned from a vacation trip to the Gaspe' Peninsula in Canada.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dare recently returned home from a boat trip on the Great Lakes which also included a visit to the 1967-Expo. in Canada.

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Miss Nancy Fay Woodhullalso vacationed in Canada, visiting the 1967-Exposition.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday July 23

ELDERS:

9:45 A.M. Service -

Bertram Leversee
David Hogg

DEACONS - Captain: George Warren

9:45 A.M. Service -

Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John L. Clark
Arthur Mowery
Frank M. Moody
LeRoy Timbrook
Ted E. Bryan
Thomas Frappier

DEACONESSES - July 23

Mrs. Ralph Church
Mrs. William Love

SUNDAY GREETERS - July

Berean Class

AUGUST Sunday Greeters-

Come Double Class

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## LIBRARY NOTES

Just to remind our members to get borrowed books back to the church library during this month of July so they can be re-catalogued.

We have purchased several new books which will be in the library and available for reading in the near future.

Our Christian Women's Fellowship has recently received a check with which to purchase more books for the library given as a memorial for Mrs. Rilla Wilson-Kellogg, daughter of Mrs. Fred (Muriel) Wilson. We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Wilson for her most generous gift.

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PLEASE PHONE EMERGENCY CALLS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE 744-3239.

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## THE PROGRAM MOVES FORWARD

You have a real privilege ahead of you because you have the opportunity to hear Dr. Beauford A. Norris, President of Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, on next Sunday July 23; and ALSO on July 30. Dr. Norris is an outstanding Christian Leader and Educator. Dr. Norris will speak on the subject: " The Costs of Christian Discipleship" with Scripture taken from Luke 14: 25-33.

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PLEASE PHONE EMERGENCY CALLS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE - 744-3239.

Mr. Ralph Keller is a patient at Lutheran Hospital and will undergo surgery this week.

Mrs. Donald Davenport is a patient in Moellering Unit, Lutheran Hospital # 210.

Mrs. Gorden Welker is recuperating at her home.

Mrs. James Knight has also been released from the hospital.

Mrs. WauNita Dusing, daughter of Mrs. Likens, is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Harold Green who are the parents of a new baby, Diana Kay, born July 12. They are new members and reside at 2208 St. Louis Ave.

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"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men, the trust of pure women and the love of little children."

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"My business," said William Carey, "is to extend the Kingdom of God. I only cobble shoes to pay expenses.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
JULY 16, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 2 | .50 |
| Nursery | 9 | 1.30 |
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| Friendly Class | 14 | 2.76 |
| Men's Class | 5 | 2.25 |
| | 176 | $ 58.67 |

## SATURDAY'S CAR WASH

Our youth had a car wash on the church lot last Saturday. They earned $95.00 for washing 87 cars. This money was given to the Sol A. Wood Youth Home for the purchase of recreational equipment. We heartily congratulate our Youth on this very successful venture and the spirit of helpfulness for others which prompted it.

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A Reasonably accurate portrayal of the age in which we live.

This is the age
of the half-read page
and the quick hash and the mad dash
The bright night with the nerves tight
The plane hop with the brief stop
A lamp tan in a short span
The big shot in a good spot
And the brain strain and the heart pain
And the cat naps Till the spring snaps
And the fun's done.

-Virginia Brazier

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July 16, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | .266 |
| Church School Attendance | 176 |
| Regular Church Offering | 1381.32 |
| Church School Offering | 58.67 |
| Building Fund | 11.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 9.00 |
| Missions | 9.00 |
| | $ 1468.99 |

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Please attend church regularly.. Come expecting to get a blessing out of worship. (Please read Psalm 73)

And, you can invite enthusiastically as many friends as you know. Wouldn't you like to greet Rev. McGuire with a B I G responsive congregation on August 6?

Do you not agree that day-by-day co operation, in the spirit of prayer, is of the utmost importance?

--Barton A. Johnson

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## THANKS FRIENDS FOR THE "SURPRISE"

We Johnsons were taken by surprise b the statement made by Mr. Vanderwall at the end of worship July 16; by the wonderfully gracious reception (with receiving line, and home made cookies and punch!); by your warm hospitality; and by your most generous gift which was presented to us on behalf of the congregation by John Thompson, Vice-Chrmn of the Board.

What more can we say? We have bee richly blessed with friends whom we have cherished since 1934; and we fee enriched by getting to know the newer members.

It has been a rewarding challenging experience " to be given a second chance" to serve our Master in First Christian Church. Our hearts have bee warmed. May God's richest blessings enrich you as you yield yourselves to Christ, our Lord.

--Vivian and Barton Johnson

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CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 16,079.04




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** July 27, 1967 No. 44


## "ON FACING LIFE"

"I would finish hoeing my garden."
-St. Francis of Assisi

These words were St. Francis's answer when someone asked him, while working in his garden, what he would do if he were suddenly to learn that he would die at sunset that day.

They seem to me an answer to all the troubled young people these days who are beginning life in a world that appears to hold no security for them or for anyone, young or old.

Why should they bother to go to college when the atom war is just around the corner? Why should a young wife have a baby when the ceiling may collapse on its crib? Why should one paint a picture or write a song or begin a novel?

We can't be sure of anything, these young people say, not now, or next year, or the year after that. Why should we try to make a life for ourselves, they ask. Why should we go to classes or take examinations or get married or look for an apartment or try for a job? Next spring, or some spring too frighteningly near, it may all go, the life we have begun. Our world is in deadly peril, we have lost the promise of tomorrow.

St. Francis put the answer in a simple metaphor: go on hoeing your garden. The task is still here - the house to build, the book to write, the examination to prepare for. If the future looks dark, so did it on the morning before the first Christmas - and in the year 5,000 B. C. and however dark it seems today, how-

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ON CRISES - John Erskine .....

"This time, like all other times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it." - Emerson.

Emerson spoke these words in 1837, when most of the hearers at the Harvard College meeting were fed up with Andrew Jackson. That un-Harvard like person was at the end of his second term, having, as his critics felt, all but wrecked American society and the foundations of national credit. In the circumstances, Emerson went pretty far. He said that the best moment to be born is always during a revolution; that life is just one revolution after another, a series of crises in which we take farewell of the past, and, if we are wise, meet the future. Every time is a good time to live in, if we know what to do with it.

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HAVE YOU QUIT?

If you were to tell some people they had quit the church, they would be highly indignant. One time a man who had not attended a service of the church in several months told the preacher he had never thought about QUITTING the church.

The preacher reminded him he had already 1) withdrawn his presence from its services, 2) refused to give his moral support to its activities, 3) had with drawn his financial support and was not helping in any way.

The preacher then asked, "What else would you have to do in order to 'quit' the church? If you decided you did not want to be a member, what other steps would have to be taken?"

Have you quit the church without meaning to? Stopped attending, giving, etc? What else must you do to quit?

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday July 30, 1967

ELDERS:

9:45 A.M. Service -

William Franklin
Robert Rayl

DEACONS Captain: George Warren

9:45 A.M. Service -

Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John L. Clark
Arthur Mowery
Frank M. Moody
LeRoy Timbrook
Ted. E. Bryan
Thomas Frapper

DEACONESSES - July 30; Aug. 6, 13

Mrs. Herman Weber
Mrs. Walter J. Williams

SUNDAY GREETERS - July

Berean Class

AUGUST SUNDAY GREETERS -

Come Double Class

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LIBRARY NOTES

Have YOU returned the library book you borrowed? We would appreciate it if you would do so this month so we can begin to re-catalog them in August.

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PLEASE PHONE EMERGENCY CALLS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE 744-3239.

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Mrs. Mary Martindale, one of our fine members, is leaving Indiana to make her home in San Luis Obispo, California. Her many friends will miss her; incidentally, Mrs. Martindale is celebrating her 78th birthday today, July 25. Our congratulations and best wishes go to her.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
JULY 23, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .50 |
| Nursery | 9 | 1.11 |
| Kindergarten | 7 | 1.71 |
| Primary Dept. | 19 | 4.60 |
| Junior Dept. | 22 | 7.86 |
| Junior High | 17 | 2.95 |
| High School | 13 | 2.30 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 6.25 |
| '58 Class | 9 | 9.00 |
| Berean Class | 3 | 3.00 |
| Come Double | 10 | 7.00 |
| Progressive | 19 | 14.25 |
| Friendly Class | 17 | 3.55 |
| Men's Class | 7 | 3.05 |
| | 166 | $ 67.13 |

ANGER

(This little poem was written by a 14 year old boy, Steve Kurtz, Bakersfield California)

Anger is a fire,
Ignited by the stinging spark of words,
Its flames devouring judgment,
Fed by the fuel of indignation.

Anger is a fire ,
Spread by the changing words of impulse,
Destroying the forests of wisdom,
Unchecked by streams of experience,
Leaving the blackened ruins of regret.

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HOUSEWIFE'S BEATITUDES - Blessed is she whose daily tasks are a labor of love, for she translates duty into privilege. Blessed is she who mends stockings and toys and broken hearts, for her understanding is a balm to humanity. Blessed is she who serves laughter and smiles at every meal, for she shall be blessed with goodness. Blessed is she who preserves the sanctity of the home, for hers is a sacred trust that crowns her with dignity. --The Challenge

NIGHT MINISTRY BEGINS

Sponsored by
Associated Churches of Fort Wayne

Under the leadership of Rev. Frank White, the Associated Churches has instituted a night time ministry to any one who has a religious or personal problem.

FIFTEEN MEN have received special training in how to assist people with their personal problems when they do not have anyone to help them. These Pastors (and a few qualified laymen) will be available every night for anyone who needs help.

DIAL 432-1521

AN ANSWERING Service will answer the telephone for us when the office of the Associated Churches is closed. The Operator will find out if it is a business call which can be taken care of the next day or a personal problem which should be referred to the pastor on duty for that night. She will then call back to the person placing the call.

THE FIFTEEN MEN will take turns so that each one will be on duty two nights out of the month. Persons who need help during the night and do not have a Pastor are urged to use this service.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Donald Davenport had surgery last Monday and now doing fine. She is in Lutheran Hospital, Moellering Unit. #210

Mr. Ralph Keller is improving and will be going home from hospital soon. He is in Lutheran Hospital.

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Of what use is eternity to a man who does not know how to use half an hour?
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1967

9:45 A.M. Morning Worship

Dr. Beauford A. Norris, President, Christian Theological Seminary, will speak for us on the subject: "WITH ALL YOUR HEART" . The Scripture lesson from Luke 10: 17-28.

8:30 A.M. Church School - Classes for all age groups.

(The Nursery is supervised for infants and children through 5 years)

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A RED-LETTER DAY

in the life of First Christian Church - August 6, 1967. when Rev. Franklin R. McGuire will begin his ministry here.

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ever dark it is, we shall meet life better if we have fulfilled the present to the best of our ability. Today is still ours, along with the obligation to live it to the full. As St. Francis said, we must go on hoeing our garden.

-- Dorothy Van Doren

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July 23, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 175 |
| Church School Attendance | 166 |
| Regular Church Offering | 801.61 |
| Church School Offering | 67.33 |
| U.C.F.A | 1.90 |
| | $ 870.84 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 14,952.74

## PERSONAL MENTION

We were happy to see Brother John Williams in service last Sunday - to know he came through his surgery and is recuperating so well .

PLEASE PHONE EMERGENCY CALLS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE - 744-3239.

Mrs. Ernest Tatman has been a patient at Parkview Hospital, Room 747.

Mr. Carl Thomas entered Parkview for surgery on July 20. He is in room 335

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Maurice Glock in the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Boyce of Antwerp, Ohio. Memorial services were held on July 20.

Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Shockney wish to express their appreciation for the many calls Mr. Shockney received while in the hospital. For cards and kindnesses during his recent illness.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## "THE UNCOMMON MAN"

"That nation is proudest and noblest and most exalted which has the greatest number of really great men." --Sinclair Lewis

Recently, in my opinion, there has been too much talk about the Common Man. It has been dinned into us that this is the Century of the Common Man. The idea seems to be that the Common Man has come into his own at last.

Thus we are in danger of developing a cult of the Common Man, which means a cult of mediocrity. But there is at least one hopeful sign: I have never been able to find out who this Common Man is. In fact, most Americans, and especially women, will get mad and fight if you try calling them common.

This is hopeful because it shows that most people are holding fast to an essential fact in American life. We believe in equal opportunity for all, but we know that this includes the opportunity to rise to leadership, in other words, to be uncommon.

Let us remember that the great human advances have not been brought about by mediocre men and women. They were brought about by distinctly uncommon people with vital sparks of leadership. Many of the great leaders were, it is true, of humble origin, but that alone was not their greatness.'

It is a curious fact that when you get sick you want an uncommon doctor; if your car breaks down you want an uncommonly good mechanic; when we get into war we want deardfully an uncommon admiral and an uncommon general.

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SOMETHING MORE by
Dr. Albert Schweitzer ....

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commendment. The second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," -Matt. 22:37-39.

It is not enough merely to exist. It's not enough to say, "I'm earning enough to live and to support my family. I do my work well. I'm a good father. I'm a good husband. I'm a good churchgoer."

That's all very well. BUT YOU MUST DO SOMETHING MORE. Seek always to do some good, somewhere. Every man has to seek in his own way to make his own self more noble and to realize his own true worth.

You must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have need of a man's help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. YOUR BROTHERS ARE HERE, TOO.

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If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity.

--Daniel Webster

Science has made this world a neighborhood; the Church must make it a brotherhood.

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Keep your Sundays for the great things of the soul.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, August 6

ELDERS:

9:45 A.M. Service

Solon E. Merriman
Richard Vanderwall

DEACONS: Captain, George Warren

9:45 A.M. Service -

Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John Clark
Arthur Mowery
Charles Speicher
Orie McDougle
Hugh Bassett
D. Wayne Penny

DEACONESSES - August 6, 13

Mrs. Herman Weber
Mrs. Walter J. Williams

SUNDAY GREETERS - August

Come Double Class

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LIBRARY NOTES

Some new books which will be available this Fall:

The FBI Man ..Cochran
The Mind of Jesus - Barclay
The Daughter of the Samurai - Sugimot
How Far To Bethlehem ..Lofts
The Disciples - Kraeling
The Travelers - Fetler
The Healing Heart Carlova-Ruggles
The Child Under Six - Hymes
Hope For Man - Liebman
The Shadow Of His Hand -

We urge all books out on loan be returned so they may be re-catalogued.

Thank you,

Mrs. Dennis Andrew and Mrs. Rufus Quinn, Co-Librarians. CWF.

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The custodian, Mr. Mueller, has a new address and telephone number: 3335 Diplomat Drive - 456-4655

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

July 31, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .42 |
| Nursery | 10 | 1.44 |
| Kindergarten | 7 | 1.83 |
| Primary Dept. | 15 | 4.30 |
| Junior Dept. | 26 | 8.76 |
| Junior High | 12 | 1.93 |
| High School | 16 | 2.68 |
| Pairs & Spares | 13 | 7.50 |
| '58 Class | 13 | 6.00 |
| Berean Class | 8 | 4.00 |
| Come Double. Class | 10 | 11.00 |
| Progressive Class | 30 | 17.15 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 3.00 |
| | 181 | $ 70.01 |

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Donald Davenport is now recuperating at home, 4328 Hessen Cassel Rd after a stay in the hospital.

Mr. Ralph Keller has also returned home after undergoing surgery at the hospital. 9304 Coverdale Rd.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Dick Skelton in the birth of a new little daughter.

Word comes of the death of a baby daughter in the family of Lowell Dare. Sincere sympathy to these parents in their sorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dare are the grandparents.

It was a real joy to have Mr. John Berlien in services last Sunday morning He will be in Fort Wayne for a short time but expects to make his home in future with his daughter, Mrs. Chester Johnson of South Bend. Mr. Berlien has been a faithful member of this Church for many years. He served as an Elder for many years and is now an Elder Emeritus. Our sincere good wishes go with Mr. Berlien.

## ON STAYING YOUNG

"Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind; it is not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a matter of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is the freshness of the deep springs of life.

"Youth means the predominance of courage over timidity, of adventure over the love of ease. This often exists in a man of sixty more than in a boy of twenty. Nobody grows old merely by a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals.

"Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair - these bow the heart and turn the spirit back to dust.

"Whether sixty or sixteen, there is in every human being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and the starlike things, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing child-like appetite for what-next, and the joy of the game of living.

"You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair."

-General Douglas MacArthur.

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GIDDAP!!

A horse can't pull while kicking;
This fact I merely mention.
And he can't kick while pulling ...
Which is my chief contention.
Let's imitate the good old horse ....
And lead a life that's fitting;
Just pull an honest load ... and then
there'll be no time for kicking...

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 1967

9:45 A.M. Morning Worship

Our new minister, the Rev. Franklin R. McGuire and family are beginning their ministry here at First Christian Fort Wayne, this next Sunday morning.

8:30 A.M. Church School - Classes for all age groups.

(The Nursery is supervised for infants and children through 5 years.)

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NO CHOIR REHEARSALS DURING AUGUST.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Kenneth Flesher was a patient in Parkview Hospital, but is now at home.

Mr. Carl Thomas has gone home from the hospital.

July 31, 1967

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| Church Attendance | 205 |
| Church School Attendance | 181 |
| Regular Church Offering | 981.21 |
| Building Fund | 20.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 2.00 |
| Church School Offering | 70.01 |
| | $ 1073.22 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . . .
$ 14,952.74

### NEW ADDRESS

Our minister and his family are making their home at:

7712 Gathings Drive. 46806

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### NIGHT MINISTRY

There is a Pastor on duty every night to take calls from people who have a personal problem and do not know whe to turn for help. It is apparent that there is a definite need in this area and that we are of service to many people who do not know how to contact a Pastor. PLEASE TELL your friends about this service. The number is 432-1521

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From Page 1-

I have never met a father and mothe who did not want their children to grow up to be uncommon men and women. May it always be so. For the future of America rests not in mediocrity, but in the constant renewal of leadership in every phase of our national life.

--Herbert Hoover

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PLEASE PHONE IN EMERGENCY CALL TO THE CHURCH OFFICE - 744-3239.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** August 10, 1967 No. 46


"WHAT'S IN A NAME?" (Shakespeare)

For one thing, a name is difficult to remember!

A lady had a mental block in recalling the name of her new minister which was Mr. Hamm. "Just think of the best part of the hog," he suggested. "Oh, of course," She brightened, "how are you, Mr. Chitlings?"

I have been called many things. One young friend liked to visit us and would tell her, "The pasture's wife is here."

Call me what you will - but call me, by name (first, last or nick!) or more importantly , in the capacity of service. It occurs to me that 'minister' is the most descriptive term for one in the vocation of the church - because it suggests that he is one who is called to that vocation, to minister to, or to serve, and is available to the calls of persons. Call your minister.

Names are important. It is one of very few things that cannot be taken from us. A name not only identifies one, but it represents one. Please make sure in these early days of my ministry to impress your name on me, so that quickly you and I become persons known and meaningful to one another.

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Sunday, August 6, was a good day. This was so because of the fellowship in the church and worship in the sanctuary. You of the congregation made us very much at home by your cordial welcome. Mr. Vanderwall was gracious

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## A WORLD TO LOVE

"Oh, earth, you're too wonderful for anybody to realize you. Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it - every, every minute?"

-Wilder

You must learn day by day, year by year, to broaden your horizon. The more things you love, the more you are interested in, the more you enjoy, the more you are indignant about - the more you have left when anything happens.

I suppose the greatest thing in the world is loving people and wanting to destroy the sin but not the sinner. And not to forget that when life knocks you to your knees - well, that's the best position in which to pray, isn't it? On your knees. That's where I learned.

--Ethel Barrymore

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## DISTRICT CONVENTION

District One Church Convention is early this year. It has been scheduled for Sunday, September 17, and will be held at the Auburn Christian Church. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important assembly.

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## TRAVELER"S LAMENT

A six-year-old was motoring to the West coast with his family. The weather had been had, the traveling rough. After a particularly hard day they stopped in a Texas town, took the only available hotel rooms and sank wearily into their beds. Suddenly the silence was broken by the six-year-old. "Mommy," he wailed, "why don't we just go back home and live happily ever after?"

-Claire MacMurray

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, August 13

ELDERS:

9:45 A.M. Service

Kenneth Edwards
Floyd Morrical

DEACONS: Captain George Warren

9:45 A.M. Service

Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John Clark
Arthur Mowery
Charles Speicher
Orie McDougle
Hugh Bassett
D. Wayne Penny

DEACONESS - August 13

Mrs. Herman Weber
Mrs. Walter J. Williams

SUNDAY GREETERS - August

Come Double Class

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## PERSONAL MENTION

During recent weeks while Mrs. Rufus Quinn was in Missouri visiting a sister who was quite ill, another sister's husband, Mr. Chesley Looney, whose home also was in Missouri, passed away very suddenly. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Quinn and her family in these days of sorrow, and our hopes are that her sister who was so ill, is improving.

Mrs. John L. Clark is a patient in room 390, Lutheran Hospital .

Mrs. Archie Hendrick was in Lutheran for a few days and is now at home.

Mrs. Ernest Tatman is in Parkview Hospital, Room 747. Mr. and Mrs. Tatman and their daughter from California attended services last Sunday .

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

August 6, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .25 |
| Nursery | 7 | .78 |
| Kindergarten | 8 | 1.43 |
| Primary Dept. | 15 | 3.05 |
| Junior Dept | 18 | 4.35 |
| Junior High | 10 | 1.59 |
| High School | 17 | 3.01 |
| Pairs & Spares | 11 | 5.00 |
| '58 Class | 7 | 4.00 |
| Berean Class | 6 | 3.00 |
| Come Double | 10 | 17.25 |
| Progressive Class | 28 | 6.45 |
| Friendly Class | 18 | 3.45 |
| Men's Class | 6 | 3.50 |
| | 164 | $ 57.11 |

## '58 CLASS PICNIC

The '58 Class will hold a picnic at McMillan Park on Sunday August 27 at 3:00 P.M.

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## ENTHUSIASM

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" Emerson

Emerson was certainly right - but not right enough. For enthusiasm is the key not only to the achievement of great things but to the accomplishment of anything that is worth while.

Enthusiasm is a wonderful word. But more, it is a wonderful feeling. It is a way of life. It is a magic spark that transforms "being" into "living". It makes hard work easy - and enjoyable. There is no better tonic for depression, no greater elixir for whatever happens to be wrong at the moment, than enthusiasm.

No person who is enthusiastic about his work has anything to fear from life. All the opportunities in the world -

Column 4-

## AND NO POPCORN

Mulling over the timeworn excuses people give for not going to church, the Rev. Grant H. Elford of Lake Crystal, Minn., and Dr. Ronald Meredith of Fresno, Calif., on a trip together, compiled this list of reasons "Why I Do Not Attend the Movies":

1. The manager of the theater never called on me.
2. I did go a few times, but no one spoke to me. Those who go there aren't very friendly.
3. Every time I go they ask me for money.
4. Not all folks live up to the high moral standards of the films.
5. I went so much as a child, I've decided I've had all the entertainment I need.
6. The performance lasts too long; I can't sit still for an hour and three quarters.
7. I don't always agree with what I hear and see.
8. I don't think they have very good music.
9. The shows are held in the evenings, and that's the only time I am able to be at home with the family.

--Newsweek

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and they are as plentiful today as ever despite what some people say - are waiting to be grasped by the people who are in love with what they are doing. I have found enthusuasm for work and life to be the most precious ingredient in any recipe for successful living. And the greatest feature of this ingredient is that it is available to everyone - within himself.

--Samuel Goldwyn . .

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None of us is responsible for all the things that happens to us, but we are responsible for the way we act when they do happen. Learn how to live and you will have learned how to die.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1967

9:45 A.M. Morning Worship -
Rev. Franklin R. McGuire, Minister
Sermon Subject:
"The Church For This Day"

8:30 A.M. Church School - Classes for all age groups.
(The Nursery is supervised for infants and children through 5 years)

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NO CHOIR REHEARSALS THIS MONTH

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DISTRICT EVENTS FOR CYF

Fall Retreat, September 9, 10, Barbee
Midwinter Meet - February 11, 1968
Spring Retreat - May 4, 5, 1968, Barbee
Summer Meet - August 18, 1968.

First Christian has been asked to furnish cooks for the Retreat at Barbee on September 9, 10. Anyone interested in helping please see Ross Nierman or Merle Rice.

August 6, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 341 |
| Church School Attendance | 164 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 2020.14 |
| Building Fund | 20.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 17.00 |
| Church School Offering | 57.11 |
| | $ 2114.25 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 14,952.74

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in his leadership of worship, and in receiving us into membership in this church. We are glad to be among you and now we feel that we belong.

-- Franklin, Rachael, Kevin, Melanie and Waller McGuire.

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PLEASE PHONE IN EMERGENCY CALL TO THE CHURCH OFFICE . . 744-3230

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NIGHT MINISTRY

There is a Pastor on duty every night to take calls from people who have a personal problem and do not know who to turn for help. It is apparent that there is a definite need in this area and that we are of service to many people who do not know how to contact a Pastor. PLEASE TELL your friends about this service. The number is 432-1521.
--Associated Churches of Fort Wayne.

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Each generation makes some transforming discovery in God's Book; what is 'stewardship' but God's word for this generation?



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXV **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** August 17, 1967 No. 47

"My heart is warm with the friends I make,
And better friends I'll not be knowing."
--Edna St. Vincent Millay

Christians are called to be friends. Those first twelve followers are known as disciples, but they may be known as friends also - friends of Jesus and of each other. Jesus said to them, "You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants ... but I have called you friends."(John 15:14, 15)

This set a marvelous precedent for continuing fellowships of believers: persons bound together in mutual loyalty, sharing the same high interests, and entirely concerned for the well-being of one another and others. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

You of First Christian have a phrase that is attractive: "As friendly as it is beautiful." This provides much to live up to. And we as newcomers among you have found it perfectly descriptive, especially these two Sundays of worship and fellowship.

Churches in the past had, and some may still have old-fashioned 'hand-shakes', in which everyone was directed to speak to everyone else. How much finer is the spontaneous greeting and pleasant exchange between friends, whether long-standing or quite new, that is enjoyed here.

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TIME SCHEDULE CHANGE!

for MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

BEGINNING ... SUNDAY ...

SEPTEMBER 3rd, 1967

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:15 A.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE - 10:25 A.M.

The Official Board , at a called session held Tuesday, August 15, accepted the recommendation of the Department of Worship and Fine Arts, the above time schedule for Church School and Worship Services.

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES TO BE BROADCAST

During the month of SEPTEMBER, 1967 over RADIO STATION W.G.L.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL is being planned by the Pairs and Spares Class and the '58 Class, to be sometime in September, held on the Church lot.

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COFFEE for THE VANDERWALLS ..

A Coffee will be held following morning worship services on August 27, for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vanderwall and family, who are leaving Fort Wayne to make their home in St. Paul, Minn.

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CYF RETREAT AT BARBEE

Will be on September 9 and 10. Our young people are urged to attend. First Christian Church has been asked to provide the cooks for this Retreat. Ross Nierman, John Thompson and Merle Rice are our Youth Sponsors.

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CMF has set Saturday September 23, as the tentative date for their first meeting this Fall.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, August 20

ELDERS:

Eugene Klepfer

Harold Crowder

DEACONS: Captain - George Warren

Frank M. Moody

LeRoy Timbrook

Ted E. Bryan

Thomas Frappier

Charles Speciher

Orie McDougle

C. Hugh Bassett

D. Wayne Penny

DEACONESSES; August 20, 27 ;Sept. 3.

Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad

Mrs. Robert Rayl

SUNDAY GREETERS - August

Come-Double Class

SUNDAY GREETERS - September

'58 Class

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Sue Plasterer, sister to Mrs. R. Geo Davis, was a patient at Parkview Hospital Room 239.

CONGRATULATIONS - Our sincere best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Clark who are the proud parents of Deste Rae Clark, born August 7, at Lutheran Hosp.

Mr. Elwood Turner (90 yrs) passed away Sunday, August 13. Memorial services will be from Klaehn's Funeral Home, Wednesday of this week.

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'58 CLASS PICNIC

To remind you: The '58 Class picnic will be held at McMillan Park on Sunday, August 27, at 3:00 P.M.

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Mrs. O. G. (Lee) Baugher is a patient in Room 541, St. Joseph's Hospital.

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

August 13, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | 1.35 |
| Nursery | 14 | 1.70 |
| Kindergarten | 7 | .74 |
| Primary Dept. | 15 | 1.95 |
| Junior Dept. | 15 | 4.20 |
| Junior High | 8 | 1.50 |
| High School | 19 | 1.86 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 5.25 |
| '58 Class | 12 | 4.00 |
| Berean | 3 | 1.75 |
| Come Double | 14 | 6.30 |
| Progressive | 24 | 13.75 |
| Friendly | 16 | 3.27 |
| Men's Class | 7 | 4.00 |
| | 168 | $ 52.22 |

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" At Hazel Green Academy, the eighty-even-year-old Disciples of Christ School in Wolfe County, Kentucky, something new has been added. New Paint and a new rock-walled planter by the old driveway are physical aspects of the newness, but the real new element is spiritual."

--Something New at Hazel Green by H. Austin Smith, Sept. World Call.

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HOLIDAY IN HAWAII .....

Mr. & Mrs. Paul F. Brown will be hosting a tour to Hawaii, for members and friends of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ.) January 6 to 21, 1968 including Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, & Kauai. Mr. & Mrs. Brown are members of the Downey Avenue Christian Church in Indianapolis, and are quite familiar with all places to be visited . There are a few brochures with information regarding this trip in the church office.

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ANNUAL MEETING - Emily E. Flinn Home. September 10, 1967, 3:30 PM at the Home.

ON COURTESY

"Hail the small sweet courtesies of life, for smooth do they make the road of it"

- Laurence Sterne

Courteous treatment is a recognition by one person that another person has the same dignity as a human being. The practice of courtesy develops the habit of treating others as equals. It is, therefore, more than a lubricant which prevents irritation between individuals of different backgrounds. It becomes a solvent of the causes of friction and, when constantly applied, produces a positive force in the creation of good will.

Is that a little thing? if so, life is full of little things - full of small pains and petty grievances which little remedies can cure.

It was a little thing which caused the first brothers to quarrel. Abel, you remember, had killed a lamb and brought it as a sacrifice to Jehovah. Cain, in turn, placed some grain on his own altar. The lamb was the more acceptable offering. Cain thought Ab el was laughing at him. Abel denied it. Then Cain asked his brother to go away. Abel refused. Whereupon Cain hit Abel. But he hit him too hard, and Abel fell dead.

Very few of us are cruelly and greatly wronged. It is the small blows to our self-esteem, the indignities, the little jolts to our vanity which cause half the heartaches in the world.

If ordinary civility, the courtesy we expect to be shown, were extended to every person with whom we come in contact in our daily lives, would it not be a real contribution to human brotherhood?

-- Frank S. Hogan, District Attorney of New York County.

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There is far more opportunity than there is ability.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1967

9:45 A.M. - Morning Worship

8:30 A.M. Church School - Classes for all age gorups

(The Nursery is supervised for infants and children through 5 years.

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ON COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION . . . .

It seemed too good to be true! A telephone and a paved street the same day. After ten days of deafening silence, the McGuires have a telephone, which number is 456-1156.

And the street was paved, which makes the house most accessible at 7712 Gathings Drive, Trier Ridge Park. It's not yet on a map, but Gathings is off Tillman Road, the first street east of Hessen Cassel Road.

THE LATCH-STRING IS OUT!

**August 13, 1967**

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 296 |
| Church School Attendance | 168 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1421.48 |
| Church School Offering | 52.22 |
| Building Fund | 4.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 3.70 |
| | $ 1481.40 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 14,952.74

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Friendship is a precious possession, that should only improve with time and grow larger and finer the more it is expressed. Christian are good friends!

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Thinking of friends, you and I share mutual friends and we have all basked in the warmth of their presence.

These are Mr. and Mrs. Barton Johnson, who have given so much to themselves to First Christian this year, as they did in Kentucky where it has been our family's privilege to know and love them for a long while. They are always generous of themselves and with their many abilities, plus their great Christian spirit.

Certainly the church is fortunate and the better for having had the leadership of their ministry during these recent months as well as some years ago.

They go this week to Tipton, Indiana to serve the church there. We are glad they will not be too far away, and we wish much joy and a rewarding experience for the Johnsons and for the church.

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SUNDAY'S SERMON: . . . .
"YOU AND I HAVE THIS MINISTRY"




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## LEADERSHIP

It was said of a prominent personality, "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on ... The genius of a good leader is to leave behind him a situation which common sense, without the grace of genius can deal with successfully."-Walter Lippman.

This seems apropos of the man, however reluctant we are to see Richard M. Vanderwall and his family leave the community and congregation. The church needs men of such vision and articulate leadership, and foremost, men of such intelligent spirit and sense of stewardship of life.

During this period of much transition, it is a good thing that he church has had so able a chairman. While our friendship has been recent, I, as the new minister shall miss his counsel. All of us will miss his leadership as an Elder and teacher.

We wish him well in St. Paul, together with Erma and their family.

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The situation for continuing leadership is assured, for Hugh D. Rice was chosen by the Board to serve as chairman during the remaining months of the term. Having served in the office previously, and also a man of ability and demonstrated commitment, Mr. Rice will give thoughtful guidance in this responsibility.

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NEW TIME SCHEDULE -

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Beginning SUNDAY .....
SEPTEMBER 3, 1967

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:15 A.M.

BROADCAST

Morning Worship Services will be Broadcast over RADIO STATION W. G. L.

During the month of September ... 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

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COFFEE for THE VANDERWALLS ..

The Come Double Class are sponsoring a Coffee for Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Vanderwall and Family, who are moving from Fort Wayne to make their home in St. Paul, Minn. The Coffee will be served in Fellowship Hall next Sunday, August 27, following the Worship services. Everyone invited.

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CYF RETREAT -- will be at Camp Barbee on September 9 and 10. We urge our young people to attend. Youth Sponsors: Marvin L. Crouse, and Ross Nierman. Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice are helping at the retreat.

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CMF RETREAT ...BARBEE ...

September 22 - 24. Registrations should be in by September 18. Leaders: Mr. Jack Reeve and Mr. Elby Boosinger both of Indianapolis.

CMF - Our local CMF has set Saturday, September 23, as the tentative date for the first meeting this Fall. One project on the agenda is painting the church kitchen.

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SUNDAY'S SERMON ...

"DIMENSIONS OF THE WELL-EQUIPPED CHURCH"

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, August 27

ELDERS:

9:45 A.M. Service -

David Hogg
John Merrill

DEACONS: Captain - George Warren

9:45 A.M. Service -

Frank M. Moody
LeRoy Timbrook
Ted E. Bryan
Thomas Frappier
Charles Speicher
Orie McDougle
C. Hugh Bassett
D. Wayne Penny

DEACONESSES: August 27; Sept. 3

Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad
Mrs. Robert Rayl

SUNDAY GREETERS - August

Come Double Class

SUNDAY GREETERS - September

'58 Class

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REQUESTED:

"This is the age of the half-read page
and the quick hash and the mad dash;
The bright night with the nerves tight,
the plane hop, with the brief stop,
a lamp tan, in a short span,
the big shot in a good spot;
And the brain strain and the heart pain,
and the cat-naps, 'til the spring snaps,
and the fun's done!"

--Virginia Brazier

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DISTRICT ONE CONVENTION ...

Our District Convention will be held at First Christian Church, Auburn, Ind. on Sunday afternoon, September 17.

This is one of the important events for our churches in the District. We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to attend.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT
August 20, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | .65 |
| Nursery | 8 | 1.15 |
| Kindergarten | 5 | .44 |
| Primary Dept. | 19 | 2.49 |
| Junior Dept. | 19 | 5.79 |
| Junior High | 9 | .60 |
| High School | 9 | 2.34 |
| Pairs & Spares | 7 | 3.50 |
| '58 Class | 10 | 4.00 |
| Berean Class | 6 | 2.75 |
| Come Double Class | 8 | 5.25 |
| Progressive Class | 20 | 10.25 |
| Friendly Class | 13 | 2.46 |
| Men's Class | 7 | 3.75 |
| | 144 | $ 45.43 |

PERSONAL MENTION

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Rex. Clifton, in the birth of a baby daughter on Monday, August 21, 1967.

And also, we CONGRATULATE Mr. & Mrs. William Schilling in the birth of little son born on Tuesday, August 15.

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Mr. Thomas Weaver has been a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 701.

Mrs. Fern Teeple is a patient in Parkview Hospital, Room 445.

Mrs. Paul Taulman is reported at the Lutheran Hospital, Room 393.

Mrs. O.G. (Lee) Baugher is now at home after spending several days in St. Joseph's Hospital.

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'58 CLASS PICNIC

To again remind you: The '58 Class picnic is to be at McMillan Park on next Sunday afternoon, August 27, at 3:00 P.M.

MINISTER'S CABINET - Sunday, August 27, at 7:00 P.M.

NEW MEMBERS -- We wish to welcome Ray and Sharon Fredericks, and baby Diane into our Church family. These fine folk brought their membership here last Sunday, August 20, from the Central Christian Church at Galveston, Texas.

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COLORFUL CHURCHMEN . . .

'FRONTIERS' GUESTS . . .

Views of four influential world religious leaders on controversial issues will be drawn out on NBC Televisions "Faith in Action" during September. The four are the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Arthur Michael Ramsey; the Archbishop of Galilee, the Most Rev. George Hakim; the general secretary of the World Council of Churches, the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake; and the Rev. Dr. Robert McAfee Brown of Stanford University. . . . . John Fulton Photo/Art of Indianapolis will cover the St. Louis assembly of the International Convention in color.

--James C. Suggs, director
Office of Interpretation
International Convention
Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ)

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ST. LOUIS ASSEMBLY . . . .

Internation Convention of Christian Churches will be held from October 13 - 18, 1967, at Kiel Auditorium. Theme: "CHRIST MAKES ALL THINGS NEW".

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The District Board will meet at Publix Cafe, Kendallville, Tuesday at 6:30 P.M. to make final plans for the Convention next month. Mr. McGuire, as minister and Mrs. Vaught, past-President of the Convention will represent our congregation on this Board.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR
## SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1967

9:45 A.M. - Morning Worship

8:30 A.M. Church School - Classes for all age groups

(The Nursery is supervised for infants and children through 5 years)

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ATTENTION:

Kindergarten and Primary Church will begin on Sunday, September 17 at 10:30 A.M.

CHI RHO - Begins Sunday September 17

CYF - will begin Sunday, September 17 Mr. Marvin Crouse and Mr. Ross Nierman, Youth Sponsors.

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ANNUAL MEETING - Emily E. Flinn Home, September 10, 1967, 3:30 P.M.

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"In labors of love every day is pay day."

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 245 |
| Church School Attendance | 144 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 979.70 |
| Church School Offering | 45.43 |
| Building Fund | 102.00 |
| | $ 1127.13 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$14,952.74

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## MR. DON L. PARLETTE, CHOIR DIRECTOR

The Worship Department is pleased to announce that Mr. Don L. Parlette has been secured as director of choirs in the church beginning his service August 31, with rehearsal of the Sanctuary Choir.

Mr. Parlette, who with his family, lives at 3828 Huth Drive, teaches and directs music at Portage School. A native of Lima, Ohio, he has worked with choirs at Hazelwood Christian, Muncie, and Aldersgate Methodist, Fort Wayne. He is a member of the Christian Church.

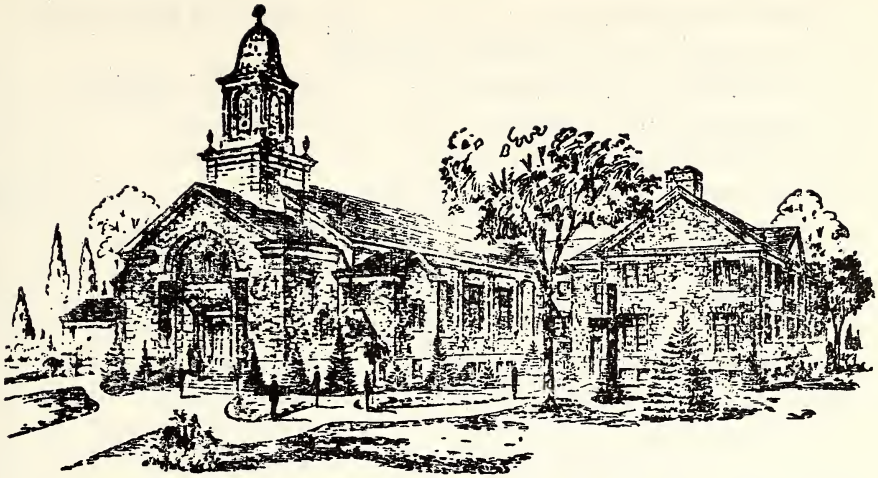
The Board confirmed his appointment and we welcome him into this relationship as choir director at First Christian.

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SANCTUARY CHOIR ..... First rehearsal will be on Thursday, August 31, at 7:30 P.M. This is in preparation for our Boardcasting on Sunday, September 3. We urge all Choir members to be at this rehearsal.

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CYF officers and leaders will meet on Monday, August 28 at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Becky Buskirk, 4824 S. Lafayette St.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## "FROM THE HOUSE-TOPS"

Two opportunities for larger participation in the church and "proclamation of the Gospel" present themselves this week.

One is by singing in the choir. . . . Our's is a lyric religion, in which meaningful words and glorious melodies have given expression to an ever-enlarging faith. The Gospel is 'good news', which deserves to be sung with strength and joy.

The choir resumes rehearsals this week (Thursday, 7:30 P.M.) and members who have sung, and new members who will sing are all needed in this service, which is one of the most pleasant ministries of the church.

The congregation must take care to join with the choir in the vital singing of great hymns. We show our appreciation for organist, choir and director by attentive listening at proper times, then by full singing with them in praise and thanksgiving. "Come, make a joyful sound!"

The second opportunity is the broadcasting of our worship services during September over WGL, 10:30 A.M. This allows persons prevented from coming to the sanctuary, especially the ill and home-bound, to be "the church in your house" (Colossians 4:16) and share with us in a live way.

When possible, it becomes more personal for listeners to reserve that hour by sitting and participating in the acts of worship: bowing in prayer, reading scripture, singing hymns, and having the emblems of communion ready for

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monthly Group Meetings

The DYE Group will have a pot-luck luncheon at Big Long Lake on Wednesday, September 6. Mrs. Vaughn Brickley is the hostess.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Clipp, 1108 McKinnie Thursday, September 7, at 7:45 P.M. Program, Mrs. Ralph Church; Worship, Mrs. Alfred Schell.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. George Bruckman, 3729 South Drive, Tuesday, September 5, at 9:00 A.M. Program, Mrs. George Duncan, Worship Mrs. Stanley Cole.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Robert Scott, 1617 Edgewater Av. Tuesday, September 12 at 1:30 P.M. Program, Mrs. Hugh Rice; Worship Mrs. W.H.Imbody.

The SPICE Group meets the first Wednesday of the month. Mrs. Schryver leader.

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DISTRICT ONE CONVENTION ....
To remind you: Our District Convention will be at First Christian Church, Auburn, Sunday afternoon and evening, September 17. There will be program for both adults and Youth.

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ONCE AGAIN - TO REMIND YOU! ..

NEW TIME OF SERVICE ...
9:15 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
10:25 Organ Prelude

Services Broadcast during September over W.G.L. RADIO STATION, at 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Broadcasting begins next Sunday!

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
Officers Serving Sunday, Sept. 3

ELDERS:
10:30 A.M. Service -
Albert Powell
Walter Birkhold

DEACONS: Captain, Donald C. Smith
10:30 A.M. Service -
F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Robert N. Hendricks
Robert Westerfield
Delmas Young
Charles R. Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks P. Love

DEACONESSES: September 3
Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad
Mrs. Robert Rayl

SUNDAY GREETERS: September '58 Class

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NINE GUIDE-LINES FOR FULFILLING OUR MINISTRY:

Be a people of much prayer;
Be a people of the Book;
Be informed;
Be concerned;
Be committeed to Christ;
Get acquainted;
Visit one another;
Notify the church of your's and other's interests;
Make a total Christian witness.
--from Sunday's sermon (Aug. 27)

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CMF 1967 RETREAT - BARBEE
September 22, 23, 24. Theme- "Restless Men"
Maximum Cost: $10.00, includes registration fee, meals, lodging and insurance. Registration blanks are available in the Church office.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

August 27, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 2 | .55 |
| Nursery | 11 | 1.45 |
| Kindergarten | 7 | .62 |
| Primary Dept. | 21 | 3.60 |
| Junior Dept | 25 | 6.60 |
| Junior High | 13 | 2.15 |
| High School | 12 | 2.97 |
| Pairs & Spares | 13 | 8.00 |
| 58 Class | 9 | 5.00 |
| Berean Class | 10 | 3.40 |
| Come Double Class | 15 | 8.50 |
| Progressive Class | 24 | 15.75 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 2.90 |
| Men's Class | 5 | 2.25 |
| | 183 | 63.74 |

## STUDENTS - WHERE ARE YOU?

The time is come for students to return to campuses. The church wants to know what school you attend and what your address there is. Students (post-High School) in vocational schools, Colleges, graduate schools, etc., are requested to inform the church by telephone or a card of their location. Students from whom we receive this information plus ZIP CODE will be mailed the Tidings.

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WHAT CAN I OFFER THE WORLD?
HOW CAN I DO IT?

## C.Y.F. FALL RETREAT
## BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

September 9 & 10, 1967

Registration fee $4.00; $1.00 preregistration is to be paid to Mrs. Vincent Wells, 735 Poplar St. Fort Wayne, 46804, by SEPTEMBER 2. The remaining $3.00 is to be paid upon registering at Barbee.

We sincerely urge our Youth to go - An interesting program has been prepared.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Congratulations - Jill Ann Taulman was born on August 20, 1967, to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Taulman, 6112 Landsdowne

Mrs. Arza (Leona) Smith has been in and out of the hospital since our last issue of Tidings. Word comes that she went home on Monday of this week.

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) ST. LOUIS ASSEMBLY. Will be held October 13-18, 1967, at Kiel Auditorium. Theme: "CHRIST MAKES ALL THINGS NEW."

You will be interested to know that this will be the first year for Delegate Convention. Rev. McGuire is planning to attend and will be one of our delegates and there may be others appointed from this church.

The Convention officers are:
President - Dr. Forrest L. Richeson, who will bring the opening address. His subject is on the theme - "Christ Makes All Things New". He is minister of First Christian, Minneapolis, Minn.
President-Elect (1968) Dr. Ronald E. Osborn, Christian Theological Seminary.
1st Vice-President, Mrs. E.C.Rowand Jr. 2nd Vice-Pres. Mr. S.S.Myers.

Among the speakers are: Dr. Donald H. Tippett, Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward, Arthur S. Flemming, Dr. W.B.Blakemore, Dr. Howard E. Short, Editor The Christian, and William E. Tucker.

Special Events Speakers: Dr. Eugene Carson Blake on Unity; Rev. Keith Miller, CMF; Dr. Granville T.Walker, History; Miss Rebecca Smith, Benevolence. Dr. Orville W. Wake, Higher Education. More news of the Convention in following issues of the Tidings.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1967

10:30 A.M. Church Service
9:15 - Church School - Classes for all age groups.

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE BROADCAST OVER RADIO STATION W.G.L. at 10:30 A.M.

ATTENTION - Kindergarten Church and Primary Church will begin Sunday, SEPTEMBER 17, at 10:30 AM

CHI RHO - begins September 17

CYF - will begin September 17

CYF Retreat - Barbee - September 9 and 10.

Youth Sponsors: Mr. Marvin Crouse and Mr. Ross Nierman

CHOIR REHEARSALS - The Sanctuary Choir and High School Choir will rehearse together on Thursday evening at 7:30.

August 27, 1967

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|---|---|---|
| Church Attendance | | 303 |
| Church School Attendance | | 183 |
| Regular Church Offering | | 1105.00 |
| Church School Offering | | 63.74 |
| Building Fund | | 6.00 |
| | $ | 1174.74 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ... $ 13,821.27

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partaking at the same time. While we may not "see you in church", the fellowship is all-inclusive.

-- Franklin McGuire

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LEADERSHIP SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS
Sponsored by The Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, Inc.

These classes will be held on six successive Monday evenings, October 9 to November 13, at the First Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield Avenue. The hours are 7:30 to 9:30 each night.

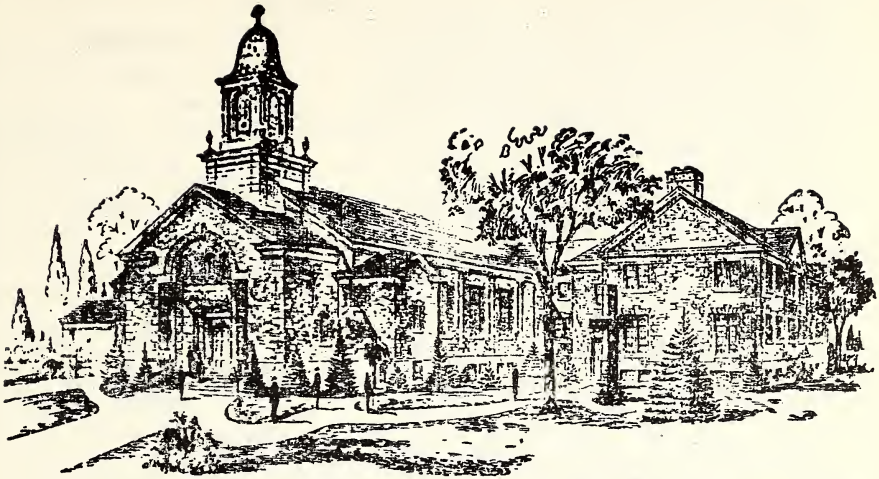
Age group Courses offered: Nursery ; Kindergarten, Primary (Grades 1 & 2); Middler (Grades 3 & 4); Junior (Grades 5 & 6); Junior High; Senior High; and Adult.

General Courses offered: Teaching Retarded Children; and the Spiritual Growth of Children.

Registrations should be in Associated Churches office by October 1st. Registration fee, $3.50; Registration forms may be had from the church office.

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The PRIMARY Dept. will resume collecting old newspapers. They suggest these be stored in large paper bags for easier storage and handling. Thank you.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

"If you had a boy would you send him to college? asked Mr. Henessy. "Well, said Mr. Dooley, "at the age when a boy is fit to be in college I wouldn't have him around the house!" (Finley Peter Dunne)

It's a poor excuse for sending anyone to any school, never-the-less many of our young men and women are going from our homes into higher levels of education, having completed High School. There are those from First Christian among the scores of students in vocational and career schools. colleges, universities and graduate schools.

We wish them well as they pursue and continue their preparation for particular vocations in life, by which to live abundantly and to serve humanity. It is a time of change and adjustment for them - to new places and routines, new concepts and challenges. As knowledge increases, the width and depth of personality enlarges, and attitudes are affected.

It is a time for growth in Christian maturity also. New experiences in worship fellowship and thought should be used. Most of our students will be fortunate in having access to Christian student organizations, particularly United Fellowships in which our church shares support. Many schools have campus ministers, who seek opportunities to know and be of help to students. Most Christian Churches

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Harold Nordblom, 1101 Hamilton Ave, Tuesday, September 12, at 8 PM Program by Mrs. Kenneth Hunt; Worship by Mrs. Paul Yentes.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Ben Taylor, 5215 Werling Drive, Wednesday, September 13, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Cecil Rice; Worship by Mrs. Wm. Love.

The NELSON Group will meet withMrs. Howard Overmyer, 920 Clayburn Dr. Wednesday, September 13, at 8:00 PM Program by Mrs. Harold Crowder; Worship by Mrs. John Broom.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet for dinner at the Church Monday, September 11, at 6:15 P.M. Hostesses: Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull and Mrs. S.E. Merriman. Program by Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Review: "The Bible and The Faiths of Men"

REMINDER - CWF General meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19 at 8:00 P.M. in Church Parlor. Executive will meet at 7:20 in Chapel.

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## AN INVITATION

The women of North Christian Church have invited the women of First Christian Church and their husbands to hear and meet the Rev. Walter Fiscus and Mrs. Frank Hughes, October 5, 8:00 PM. Rev. Fiscus is co-leader in "Partners in Prayer". He is a teacher of note and has authored such books as: "That the World May Believe" and "Destined for Sonship", and others.
Mrs. Hughes is an excellent speaker with a most urgent 'space age' concept to tell us. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this very special event, at North Christian Church.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, Sept. 10

ELDERS:

10:30 A.M. Service -

William Crouse
John Merrill

DEACONS: Captain - Donald Smith

10:30 A.M. Service -

F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Robert N. Hendricks
Robert Westerfield
Delmas Young
Charles Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks P. Love

DEACONESSES - September 10, 17, 2

Mrs. Robert Ogles
Mrs. Robert Rayl

SUNDAY GREETERS: September -

'58 Class

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ANNUAL MEETING -

Emily E. Flinn Home, Marion, Sept. 1 at 3:30 P.M. Speaker: Dr. Charles M. Palmer, administrator of the Woodhav Christian Home for Children, Columbi Mo. The Gas City Christian Church Choir will bring the special music. The Home is located at 615 W. 12th.

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C.Y.F. FALL RETREAT

BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

September 9 and 10, 1967

We sincerely urge our Youth to attend this Retreat. An interesting program has been prepared.

CMF 1967 RETREAT at Barbee -- September 22, 23, 24. Theme:

"RESTLESS MEN"

$10.00 includes registration fee, mea lodging and insurance. Registration blanks are available in the Church office.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

September 3, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .40 |
| Nursery 2-4 | 8 | .87 |
| Kindergarten | 8 | .81 |
| Primary Dept. | 21 | 3.92 |
| Junior Dept. | 26 | 4.57 |
| Junior High | 16 | 3.00 |
| High School | 17 | 4.91 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 7.00 |
| '58 Class | 15 | 7.75 |
| Berean Class | 9 | 8.00 |
| Come Double Class | 14 | 7.00 |
| Progressive Class | 26 | 19.15 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 4.25 |
| | 188 | $ 71.73 |

PERSONAL MENTION

WEDDING BELLS rang for Ricke McQueen and Mary Crowder on Saturday August 19, 1967. We heartily congratulate this fine young couple.

Mrs. Herman Weber has been a patient in Rm 447, Parkview. She entered on August 29.

Mr. Robert Sheets has been a patient in rm. 551, St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Robert Neal is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Amanda Koomler entered Lutheran Hospital on Sept. 6. Room 335.

Word comes that Larry Horn, Jr. was married on Saturday, September 2. He and his bride will make their home at 6126 Crompton Ct. Indianapolis. Our sincere good wishes go to this young couple.

STUDENTS - WHERE ARE YOU?

Your church would like to know what school you plan to attend and what your address there is. Please call the office or drop us a card. If you would like to receive the Tidings, we shall be happy to send it to you. Add your Zip Code.

SERVING CHRIST and HIS CHURCH!

For several months now, the Christian Church at Aboite has been without a full-time minister. To fill this need a number of our young men have gone there each Sunday to speak, thereby keeping this little church group together. We are grateful for the dedication and commitment that prompted our young men to do this service. They are to be commended. This is truly a "service to Christ and His Church". John Thompson served last Sunday.

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DISTRICT ONE CONVENTION

Dr. Edwin Becker, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, will be the speaker at the District One Convention to be held at First Christian Church, AUBURN, September 17. His subject, "Christian Unity" The Convention opens at 2:30. Dinner at 5:30. Tickets for the dinner may be secured at our Church office. Charge $1.50. Reservations for the dinner are requested by the 13th.

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) ST. LOUIS ASSEMBLY

Meeting at Kiel Auditorium, October 13 to 18. Theme: "CHRIST MAKES ALL THINGS NEW"

Some Workshops, Interest Groups, and Seminars planned by agencies and organizations related to the International Convention:

"Apartment House Ministries"
" Christianity and Communism"
"Christian Life Curriculum"
"Church Librarians"
"Church Public Relations"
"Drama in The Church"
"The Future of Religious Broadcasting." and many others.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1967

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:15 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all age groups.

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE IS BEING BROADCAST OVER RADIO STATION WGL - 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. EACH SUNDAY DURING SEPTEMBER.

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ATTENTION - Kindergarten Church and Primary Church will begin their Fall Season on Sunday September 17 at 10:30 A.M.

CHI RHO and CYF will also begin on September 17.

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CHOIR REHEARSALS - The Sanctuary and High School Choirs will rehearse together on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM. Junior Choir and Bell Choir rehearsal time will be announced at a later date.

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in proximity to such schools offer "student memberships," which provide a church home away from home," but do not affect their original membership.

Our students are urged to take advantage of the Christian opportunities that open before them, to let their home church know of their progress and interests, and to be back here as often as possible. We need young people who will increase "in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and Man."

--Luke 2: 52.

September 3, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 285 |
| Church School Attendance | 183 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1515.69 |
| Church School Offering | 71.73 |
| Building Fund | 4.25 |
| U.C.F.A. | 20.30 |
| | $ 1611.97 |

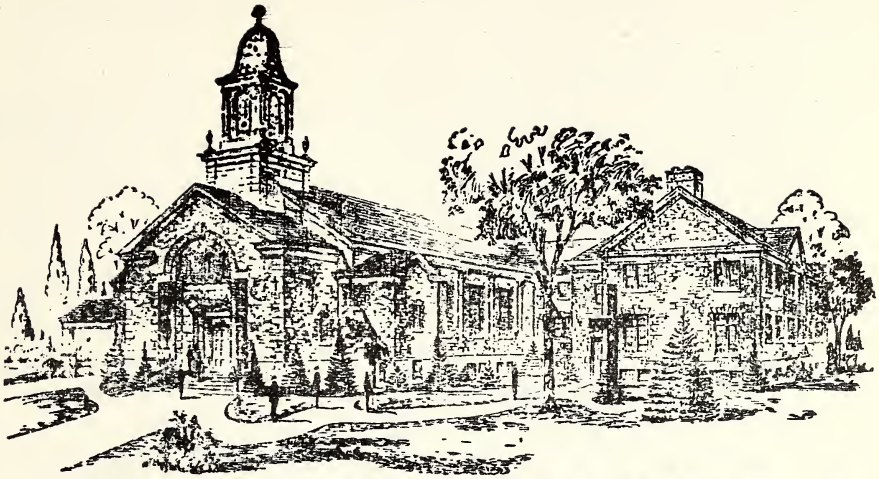
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$ 13,821.27

DEPARTMENT SPONSORS

Baby Nursery - Mrs. Dennis Andrew
Two-Fours - Mrs. Norman Strayer
Kindergarten Church - [illegible]
-Mrs. Wm. Schilling
Primary Church - Mrs. Thos. Frappier
Chi Rho - Mrs. Hendricks Love,
Mrs. Harley Meadows.
C.Y.F - Mr. & Mrs. Ross Nierman,
Mr. Marvin Crouse

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CHI RHO - September 17 is the first meeting. Meet at the Church at 3:30 sharp. Bring sack lunch and 35¢. Dress for outing at Franke Park.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## A GATHERING PEOPLE

Great things happen when the people of God gather together in the name of Christ.

"It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together" when Jesus appeared alive to them. (John 20:19) "All the believers were gathered together in one place" on Pentecost when the Holy Spirit filled them. (Acts 2:1) "All the believers continued in close fellowship ... they continued to meet as a group."(Acts 2:44, 46) It was not long until a meeting of apostles and elders was called for in Jerusalem to consider an issue confronting the church. (Acts 15:2)

Christians have been a gathering people from the very beginning. "We, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." (Romans 12:5)

Followers of Stone and Campbell met in the church from which I have come at Georgetown, Ky., to begin conversations culminating in the union of the two movements. Then in 1849, at Cincinnati, Alexander Campbell convened the first national convention of the Christian Church, to which elected delegates were sent.

These opportunities also come to us for worship, fellowship and action among persons from many congregations. There are things which can be done better together than separately. The thoughtful opinions and counsel of representatives

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Meeting

Our first meeting of the season will be Tuesday, September 19 at 8:00 PM in Church Parlor. Mrs. Dennis Andrew will give a 5-minute review of one of our books. The program, "Information Please", will be presented by Fellowship Guild members; Worship by the Nelson Group; Montgomery Group members are to be hostesses; the Higdon Group - refreshments. The Executive committee are to meet at 7:20 in the Chapel.

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The NELSON Group have color photos of the Church Sanctuary made up on Christmas cards at 15¢ per card or 20 cards in a box for $3.00. Call either Mrs. Howard Overmyer, 747-2281, or Mrs. Robert Hendricks, 745-9317.

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## COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class will have a carry-in picnic on Saturday, September 23, at 4:00 PM in the Pavilion #3, at Foster Park.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Laurell Cole is a patient in room 562, Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Bert W. Leversee is in the Wells County Hospital and will undergo surgery on Thursday of this week.

IN SYMPATHY - Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Ethel Busch in the recent loss of her brother, Chester L. Follis.

Mr. Robert Sheets is in Parkview Hospital, Room 221.

Mrs. Orpha Yost is a patient in Parkview Hospital, Room 426.

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See October issue of World Call for the Prayer Calendar.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, Sept. 17

ELDERS:

10:30 A.M. Service -

Andrew Cook
Ronald McVay

DEACONS - Donald Smith, Captain

10:30 A.M. Service -

F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Robert Hendricks
Robert Westerfield
John F. Hechler
Ben Taylor
James Lehman
Robert Ogles

DEACONESSES - September 17, 24

Mrs. Robert Ogles
Mrs. Robert Rayl

SUNDAY GREETERS: September

'58 Class

OCTOBER - SUNDAY GREETERS -

Progressive Class

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## C.Y.F. NEWS

Eleven young people from our Christia Youth Fellowship attended the district retreat at Camp Barbee this past week end. Six churches were represented by 54 youth. Mr. & Mrs. Ross Nierman, CYF sponsors, accompanied the group

Appreciation is expressed for the he of five others who prepared meals for the retreat: Mr. & Mrs. Merle Rice, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Strayer, and Mr. Robert Kenyon.

The CYF will begin its regular Sunday evening meetings this week, September 17 at 5:00 PM. Officers and leaders have had planning sessions, an a good year is assured.

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What Does The Reformation say to us today? .. Read Richard Pope's article in October World Call.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

September 10, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .35 |
| Nursery 2-4 | 13 | 1.24 |
| Kindergarten | 10 | 1.07 |
| Primary Dept. | 24 | 6.25 |
| Junior Dept. | 34 | 7.92 |
| Junion High | 12 | 2.68 |
| High School | 13 | 1.91 |
| Pairs & Spares | 6 | 4.50 |
| '58 Class | 17 | 10.00 |
| Berean Class | 10 | 8.00 |
| Come Double Class | 18 | 8.70 |
| Progressive Class | 32 | 20.25 |
| Friendly Class | 17 | 4.50 |
| | 209 | $ 77.19 |

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL .....

The Pairs and Spares Class and the '58 Class are planning an Ice Cream Social for Sunday , October 1, 7 to 8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. All our Church members and their friends are invited to come and join in the fellowship. Tickets will be available .See Merle Rice.

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## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) ST. LOUIS ASSEMBLY

Will meet at Kiel Auditorium, October 13 to 18. Theme : "Christ Makes All Things New" This will be the first delegate Convention.

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## INTERFAITH LUNCHEON

Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 12 Noon. sponsored by Fort Wayne Church Women United. Theme: "Are YOU a Woman God Can Use? Reservations for the luncheon are made by sending $2.00 to Mrs. Clarence Clements, 826 Northwood, 46805. Deadline Sept. 21. There will be a panel discussion and a 'question, answer' period.

## STUDENTS - WHERE ARE YOU?

Your Church has heard from a few of our students, but we are sure there are many others going to colleges and Universities, and we would like to know who they are and where they are attending school. If the students would like to receive the Tidings, we shall be happy to send it to them. But, we need their Zip Code number, and of course, their correct address.

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## CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

SPonsored by the Associated Churches will be held on six successive Monday evenings, October 9 to November 13 from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M., at First Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield Ave. Mr. Hugh Rice is Dean of the School. Some of the courses offered: "Working with Nursery Children" "Working with Kindergarten Children" "Teaching Primary Children" " Leading Middlers - Grades 3 & 4)" "Teaching Juniors" Directing Junior Hi's, Leading High School Youth, Teaching adult thru small groups, and others general Courses. The Board voted to take care of the fees for those who are interested in preparing to teach any of the above groups. There are registration forms in the Church Office.

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## CMF FALL RETREAT

At Barbee September 22, 23, 24. Theme: "Restless Men". $10.00 covers registration, meals, lodging and insurance. Registration blanks are available in the Church office.

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## DISTRICT ONE CONVENTION

Will be held at Auburn, Next Sunday September 17, from 2:30 to 7:30 P.M. Dinner at 5:30 - $1.50. Dr. Edwin Becker, CTS, is speaker. Convention Theme, "Thy Paths Our Chosen Way"

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1967**

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9:15 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all age groups.

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from several places is imperative in coping with todays' issues. Further more, it's simply good to get acquainted with those who believe similarly, have common concerns, and can share mutual experiences.

The Christian Churches of District 1 meet this Sunday at Auburn to think on the progress toward Church union. (Several of our youth were in a 6-church retreat last week-end at Barbee.) Two other retreats are scheduled: the Men's Fellowship will gather September 22, 24 and the CWF retreat will be September 23, 24 at Rochester. These are live, thought-provoking meetings, for personal enrichment and increased motivation within churches.

The International Convention of our Church will begin in a month: October 13-18, in St. Louis. What an occasion to be the whole church in action, involved in ventures with Christ today!

Why not go along to these gatherings and help make great things happen.

--Franklin R. McGuire

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September 10, 1967

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| Church Attendance | 305 |
| Church School Attendance | 209 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1459.31 |
| Building Fund | 13.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 11.30 |
| Church School Offering | 77.19 |
| | $ 1560.80 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$13,821.27




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"SO THAT ALL MAY LEARN ..." I Corinthians 14: 31

A teacher in our Church School commented recently that no one outside of the class - no parent, no other member - had ever inquired what was being taught discussed or done during that hour each week when learning is happening and ideas are being exchanged. (Perhaps we don't inquire because to appear interested might get us involved!)

What IS happening in Christian education - or because of it - in our Church and in the life of each person, be he learner or teacher?

A controversy raged some years ago when Sunday School was publicly labeled "The most wasted hour of the week." It could be such, but only when we allow it to be.

Those 60 minutes of the 10,080 in a week are precious, when time, facilities, resources and persons should be used to the fullest. It is an opportunity for learning, growing and sharing for each person of every age-level, and no mind should be unturned in the pursuit of Christian maturity and adequacy.

Excellent opportunities are our's to make the Church School "the most illuminating hour of the week!: We have rooms and meeting places, and plenty of chairs. There are materials, papers and books in abundance. We have a balanced curriculum for learning the fullness of the Christian life. Basically, there is the Bible and its procession of personalities, its truths and motivation.

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## YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE!

Six from First Christian Church attended the District 1 Convention at Auburn this past Sunday, therefore several hundred missed a beneficial program on the status of the 'Consultation on Church Union.' Following a presentation by Dr. Edwin Becker C.T.S., opportunity was given in discussion groups for comments and questions. Other features of the convention were its worship and fellowship.

Elected president of the District was Glenn E. Tudor, layman from Elkhart, where the convention will be held in 1968.

Going from this church were Mark Snyder, nominating committee chairman, and Mrs. Snyder; Mrs. Owen Vaught, immediate past president; Miss Fay Woodhull; John Williams and Franklin McGuire.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Bert Leversee is getting along fine and hopes to go home from hospital soon.

Mrs. Donald Sells has been a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 507

Mr. Robert Sheets is still a patient in St. Joseph's, Room 551.

Mrs. Orpha Yost is still a patient at Parkview Hospital, Room 426.

Mrs. Harold Henry is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 335.

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) ST. LOUIS ASSEMBLY. October 13 - 18.

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Topics discussed in October WORLD CALL: "Bombing near China border" "The Atlanta Declaration" "Our dwindling roster of young ministers" "The Pope and the Patriarch"

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, Sept. 24.

ELDERS:

10:30 A.M. Service -

Rolland Ripple
Ralph Church

DEACONS - Donald Smith, Captain

10:30 A.M. Service -

F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl D. Linn
Robert Hendricks
Robert Westerfield
John Hechler
Ben Taylor
James Lehman
Robert Ogles

DEACONS - PLEASE NOTE: We are repeating the April to August schedule with this week's deacons from the week May 21. We shall carry on from there.

--Bill Wilson. Chrm.

DEACONESSES - September 24

Mrs. Robert Ogles
Mrs. Robert Hendricks

SUNDAY GREETERS: September

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Getting educated is one thing; keeping educated is another.

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|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | 1.05 |
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| Kindergarten | 9 | .81 |
| Primary Dept. | 24 | 5.70 |
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| High School | 16 | 2.20 |
| Pairs & Spares | 10 | 6.25 |
| '58 Class | 19 | 9.30 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 6.75 |
| Come Double Class | 15 | 10.00 |
| Progressive Class | 29 | 18.25 |
| Friendly Class | 11 | 2.36 |
| | 215 | $ 75.95 |

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

Kevin McGuire is attending Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky. James and Janet Plummer are attending Bloomington. (I.U.). Julia Quinn is attending Hanover College. Susan Mowery is attending Ball State, Muncie Kathy Weicker, also Ball State, Muncie. Richard McVay is attending Indiana University, Bloomington. James A. Clausen is doing graduate work at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, and teaching music at Van Buren High School there.

Steven Powell is a student at DePauw University, Greencastle. Marlo Vanderwall is at Ball State, Muncie and Jan Vanderwall is at Purdue.

There are others and we hope their names and whereabouts will come in for next week's Tidings.

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To remind you of the LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL, Mondays evenings, October 9 to November 13 - 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. at First Baptist Church. The fee of $3.50 for registration will be assumed by the church.

## FORMAL INSTALLATION OF MINISTER

Mr. McGuire will be formally installed as minister of this congregation during the morning worship service on Sunday, October 22. Dr. John Harms, General Secretary, executive minister, of the Association of Christian Churches in Indiana, will be guest preacher. His subject: "The Ministry As A Covenantal Relationship".

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## C.W.F. RETREAT

One of several CWF Retreats held in Indiana, will be at Geneva Center Rochester, this next week-end, September 23-24. Mrs. Vaught is in charge of the Communion Service on Sunday morning.

## C.M.F. RETREAT

Next Saturday. A group from First Christian are going up to Barbee on Saturday morning and return Saturday evening.

If you want to go please contact John Thompson, 484-2785, or 742-7153.

Mr. Thompson will serve as Worship leader in the Retreat.

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## CHI RHO

Chi Rho is to meet in the Eighth Grade room next Sunday evening. Bring your ideas for future sessions. Officers will be installed during worship.

The Chi Rho wishes to thank Mrs. William Wetzel for helping on their outing last Sunday.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Albert Powell in the recent loss of her mother who passed away in August.

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9:15 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all age groups.

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Kindergarten Church - 10:30 A.M.
Primary Church - 10:30 A.M.
CYF Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
Chi Rho - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSALS - Thursdays at 7:30 P.M. Sanctuary and High School Choirs.

BOY SCOUTS - Friday each week, 7 PM

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Good teaching causes scholars to think, to do, to be.

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Ultimately, we have the superb Person, Jesus, of whom we constantly gain larger insight and closer relationship; it is worth recalling that He was most frequently spoken to as an educator: .. "Master," "Rabbi," "Good Teacher."

Here in our church is that core of conscientious, time-and-thought-giving teachers, leaders and workers who offer so much of themselves. It is likely that if a leader is rarely asked about what is happening in Christian guidance neither is one often thanked. This is "Christian Education Week," beginning Sunday which is a time of promotion to new classes and departments, it is also an occasion to speak a word of appreciation to those who faithfully "teach them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28: 20)

--Franklin R. McGuire

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September 17, 1967

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| Church Attendance | 327 |
| Church School Attendance | 215 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1214.96 |
| Building Fund | 1.00 |
| Church School Offering | 75.95 |
| | $ 1290.91 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 13,821.27

WHAT THIS CHURCH NEEDS ... is a big dish of ICE CREAM. Social Sunday October 1, from 7 to 8:30 PM. in Fellowship Hall.

See '58 Class or "Pairs & Spares" Class members for 30¢ ticket for your ice cream, cookies and coffee. Seconds 15¢; Friendship free!



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXV **Fort Wayne, Indiana.** September 28, 1967 No. 53

"Some of us call it Autumn,
And others call is God." --W.H. Carruth

Church Loyalty Month is a well-established custom for Christian Churches. It comes to us each autumn, urging us to renew our full participation in the life of the congregation in which we worship.

Some people might completely misunderstand the purpose of Church Loyalty emphasis. They might gain the impression that the church is seeking to capture their attention and support so that the church will be large, wealthy and strong. Of course, there is nothing wrong with a prosperous congregation, but our primary attention is always to be on Christ and his followers rather than on the institution itself.

The plain fact is that when individuals have separated themselves from the fellowship of the worshiping congregation, it is very possible that their souls are in jeopardy of deterioration in their relationship with Jesus Christ. It is exceedingly difficult for us to maintain enthusiasm and commitment to the cause of Christ when we avoid assembling ourselves with the followers.

It is helpful to remind ourselves and our friends that the object of our loyalty is our local congregation and as much more as is involved in the cause of Christ beyond this congregation. Our real loyalty is to the total mission of the church as it stands in the providence and purpose of God.

Thus we do need a Church Loyalty season every year. The loyalty which was

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Henry Butler, 1600 Randalia Tuesday, October 3, at 1:30. Mrs. Robert Scott will present the program, Worship by Mrs. Merland Heller.

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Rufus Quinn, 3916 Oak Park Dr. Tuesday, October 3, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Quinn; Worship by Mrs. A.N. Shockney.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain, 2903 Capitol Wednesday, October 4, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Ben Taylor; Worship by Mrs. Elwood Parent.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Walter Birkhold, 221 W. Maple Grove Wednesday, October 4, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Ross Firestone is assistant Hostess Program by Mrs. Vaughn Brickley; Worship by Mrs. Thomas Wunderlich.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Helen Clymore, 5210 Buell Dr. Thursday, October 5, at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Virgil Montgomery, Worship by Mrs. Irene Cline.

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CWF RUMMAGE SALE - October 21
Mrs. Henry Schryver, chairman.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Richard Baker is still a patient in Room 225, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Harold Henry is in Room 558, Lutheran Hospital.

Baby Jennifer Aker is a patient in pediatrics at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Robert Sheet is still in Parkview Room 221.

Mrs. Orpha Yost is a patient at Parkview, Room 426

Mrs. Myrtle Drewett is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 821.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, October 1.

ELDERS:

10:30 A.M. Service -

Glenn Miller
Cecil Rice

DEACONS: Captain, Donald Smith

10:30 A.M. Service -

F. Wayne Rousseau
Carl Linn
Robert Hendricks
Robert Westerfield
John F. Hechler
Ben Taylor
James Lehman
Robert Ogles

DEACONS - PLEASE NOTE: We are repeating the April to August schedule with this week's deacons from the week of May 21.

DEACONESSES - October 1, 8, 15
Mrs. Paul Truby
Mrs. Rolland Ripple

SUNDAY GREETERS: October
Progressive Class

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Donald Sells is still a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Herman Weber is in St. Joseph's Hospital and will undergo surgery. She is in Room 203.

Mrs. Robert Hendricks is in Room 400 Lutheran and will have surgery this week.

Mr. John Merrill is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 232.

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IN SYMPATHY - Mrs. Howard Overmyer and family have our sincere sympathy in the recent death of her father, Mr. Cloyce A. Badders.

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Also sincere sympathy to Mr. Glenn Miller and family, whose brother, Otto Miller, died September 24 at Mesa Arizona.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

September 24, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 2 | $ 1.05 |
| Nursery | 12 | 1.38 |
| Kindergarten | 10 | .92 |
| Primary Dept. | 25 | 4.45 |
| Junior Dept. | 34 | 7.88 |
| Junior High | 15 | 1.90 |
| High School | 14 | 2.77 |
| Pairs & Spares | 7 | 4.00 |
| '58 Class | 18 | 10.00 |
| Berean C;ass | 12 | 5.80 |
| Come Double Class | 20 | 12.00 |
| Progressive Class | 26 | 16.75 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 3.05 |
| | 211 | $ 72.97 |

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

The Pairs and Spares Class with the '58 Class are having an Ice Cream Social in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 1, from 7:00 tp 8:30 P.M. A 30¢ donation is asked . All are invited to come and bring friends and join in the fellowship and fun. Tickets can be secured from members of these classes.

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## OCTOBER 1 - WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY ...

This day is observed by most Protestant churches for special emphasis on attendance at the Lord's Supper, and to lift up the ecumenical fellowship and concerns of the church. While Christians all over the world will gather in our varied ways around the Lord's Table, we do so not to impress the world with our numbers, but simply because of our common allegiance to Christ. Surely we of the Christian Church, who share this Supper weekly, want to join with others on World-Wide Communion Sunday.

## PROMOTION DAY ... in the CHURCH SCHOOL ... SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1967

9:40 A.M. in the Sanctuary. The children in Classes through 9th Grade will assemble in the Sanctuary after taking attendance and offerings . At this time children and youth who are being promoted from one department to another will be recognized. Rev. McGuire will bring a tribute to Teachers and Workers . Members of Adult classes or individuals may attend this special Promotion Day Service at 9:40 A.M.

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## CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The two members appointed by Mr. Hugh Rice, Chairman of the Official Board, are: Ted. Bryan and Mrs. William Love. Following the morning worship next Sunday there will be a short business session of the congregation for the purpose of selecting two from their number to serve on this committee. The duties of the committee are to nominate officers of the Church for 1968.

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## MORE COLLEGE STUDENTS

Nathan Love is a ttending I U Regional Campus, Fort Wayne.

David W. Williams is attending I.U. at Bloomington.

Miss Eileen Williams is at Purdue U. West Lafayette.

Miss Peggy Love is attending I.U. School of Nursing, Bloomington, Ind.

Mr. Leversee wishes to thank each and everyone for the cards, prayers, and calls he received during the time he was in the hospital. You will never know how much they were appreciated by him.

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More Students will be listed next issue of Tidings.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1967

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:15 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all ages.
Kindergarten Church - 10:30 A.M.
Primary Church - 10:30 A.M.
C.Y.F. - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
Chi Rho - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSALS - 7:30 Thursdays

BOY SCOUTS = Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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September 24, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 232 |
| Church School Attendance | 211 |
| Regular Church Offering | $951.11 |
| Church School Offering | 72.97 |
| Building Fund | 3.00 |
| | $ 1027.08 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ... $ 12,684.62

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required of us last year is not enough this year because there are new people in our community, who should be reached in the name of Christ. This year sets new demands and new opportunities before us; and if our commitment to Christ is vital and alive, new loyalty and new obedience are required from us.

Helen Hunt Jackson exalted this month "Ye cannot rival for one hour October's bright blue weather." Likewise we move into deeper fellowship with our Master, especially in the sanctuary, but in all places and ways by which we witness for Him that we are constant and loyal servants. Church Loyalty Month prompts renewed personal decisions. Consider these: "With God's help, I shall endeavor

- to attend the hour of worship every Sunday;
- to Participate in the Church School regularly;
- to accept some responsibility for service in my church;
- to observe daily devotions, alone or with my family;
- to win at least one person to Christ and His Church;
- to support His Church financially."

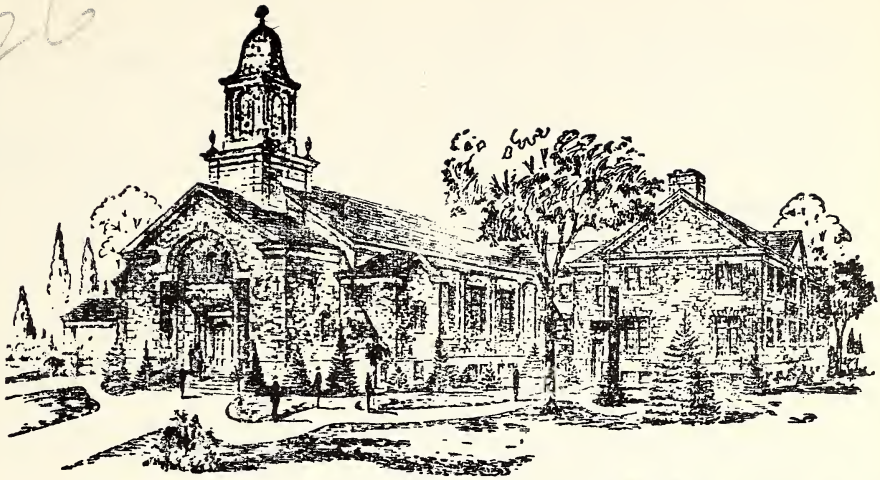
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### CHI RHO NEXT SUNDAY

at 5:00. There will be both a film and Communion in observance of World Communion Sunday. The CYF's are invited to the Worship.

Chi Rho and sponsors wish to thank Mr. McGuire, who spoke to the group last Sunday evening, and out-going president, Susan Love, who installed their new officers.

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXVI **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** October 5, 1967 No. 1

"THAT ALL THINGS SHOULD BE DONE DECENTLY AND IN ORDER"
-- I Corinthians 14:40.

It is sometimes said to persons leaving for a church convention, " have a nice vacation on your trip," etc. This usually indicates the well-wisher has not attended one of our state or international assemblies for a long time, if ever!

They are occasions for good fellowship among old and new Christian friends; for expressive worship, inspiring messages and moving music; to look at books and other exhibits. But our assemblies are increasingly purposeful and full of work. It is a thrilling privilege to help in epoch-making decisions and to share in crucial hours of Christian action.

For the first time in our history, chosen delegates from thousands of congregations will vote on the docket of business before this year's International Convention of Christian Churches, convening in St. Louis, October 13-18. Our church may send three delegates, however any number of persons may attend and participate in full, except to vote. This may well increase the total attendance, as many states have found in delegate assemblies, and it allows more balanced representation in considering and acting on vital reports and recommendations confronting the church.

Your delegates will go next week, not instructed as to how to vote, but mindful of the whole church and anxious to be conscientious representatives of this congregation.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
### Monthly Group Meetings

Montgomery Group will meet with Mrs. Clair Buskirk, 4824 S. Lafayette, Tuesday, October 10, at 8:00 PM. Program, Mrs. Paul Yentes; Worship by Mrs. Edwin Hall.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Philip Uhl, 816 Kinnaird Ave. Wednesday, October 11 at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Harold Crowder; Worship by Mrs. John Broom.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Mildred Hartman, 301 E. Fleming Ave. Monday, October 9, at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Paul Kenline; Worship by Mrs. Owen Vaught.

Offering for the Emily E. Flinn Home Ingathering should be taken at the October Group Meetings and given to Miss Pearl Heidecker.

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RUMMAGE SALE, Saturday, October 21, at YMCA Branch on Culbertson. Mrs. Henry Schryver, Chairman.

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## COLLEGE STUDENTS

Mrs. Thomas (Wanda Ripple) Ingmire is attending the University of Calif- at Berkeley. Her husband, Tom, is taking graduate work there also.

Loren Hanks is a student at International College.

Thomas Rayl is attending International College.

Richard McVay is a student at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Miss Heather Butler is attending Newcomb College, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE
### Officers Serving Sunday, October 8

ELDERS:

10:30 A.M. Service -

Alfred Schell
David Griggs

DEACONS: Donald Smith, Captain

10:30 A.M. Service -

Delmas Young,
Charles Ludwig
Richard Burkett
Hendricks Love
John Hechler
Ben Taylor
James Lehman
Robert Ogles

DEACONESSES - October 8, 15

Mrs. Paul Truby
Mrs. Rolland Ripple

SUNDAY GREETERS: October
Progressive Class

COFFEE HOUR - During month of October, sponsored by Dept. of Worship and Fine Arts.

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## PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

The Progressive Class will hold a class picnic-reunion on Sunday, October 8 at North End Conklin Pavilion, Shoaff Park. Members, Past members and friends are invited. Bring at covered dish and your table service. Meat, roll and coffee will be furnished. Dinner a 5 P.M. Come early for games and fur

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Robin Ferguson has been a patient in Parkview, Room 640.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilson are the very prc parents of a baby girl, Marla Sue, bor at Lutheran Hospital, Friday, Septembe 29.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

October 1, 1967

| | Att. | Off |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | 1.00 |
| Nursery (2-4) | 13 | 1.24 |
| Kindergarten | 13 | 1.03 |
| Primary Dept. | 25 | 4.57 |
| Junior Dept. | 33 | 6.93 |
| Junior High | 12 | 2.25 |
| High School | 15 | 2.53 |
| Pairs & Spares | 10 | 6.00 |
| '58 Class | 16 | 9.50 |
| Berean Class | 11 | 4.75 |
| Come Double Class | 18 | 9.43 |
| Progressive Class | 26 | 16.75 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 3.50 |
| | 212 | 69.49 |

On October 1, the members of the Men's Class became members of the Progressive Class.

CHI RHOS - OCTOBER 8

The Chi Rho'ers will meet at 3:15 at the Church when they will make a trip to the museum. After the trip they will return to the church for s snack, planning for a Hayride and a Worship period. Closing their meeting at 6:00 PM

New Chi Rho officers are. Barbara Love, President; Steven Bruckman, Vice-president; Patty Wetzel, Secretary and Cindy Hunt, Treasurer.

Chi Rho members and sponsors wish to express thanks and appreciation to Mr. Hugh Rice, Mrs. Ben Taylor and Mrs. Clair Buskirk who have recently helped with Chi Rho.

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CYF - SLAVE DAY

The CYF will have a "Slave Day" Auction on Saturday, October 14, between 8:30 and 9:30 A.M.

If you are interested in employing a High School student for baby-sitting, window washing, and other odd jobs please call either Becky Buskirk 446-6905, or Muriel Crouse, 483-4771 between 8:30 and 9:30, October 14. Why not get one of these young people to rake your leaves or do other odd jobs for you that day?

October 1, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 330 |
| Church School Attendance | 212 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1613.53 |
| Church School Offering | 69.49 |
| Building Fund | 3.00 |
| | $ 1686.02 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . . .

$ 12,684.62

CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Two members were nominated at a congregational meeting held following the morning worship last Sunday, to serve on the Nominating Committee for this year. They were: John Thompson and Earl Plummer. These two, with Ted Bryan and Mrs. Wm. Love who were appointed by the Chairman of the Board will meet at the call of the minister and select a fifth member. These five with the chairman of the Board, the Church Clerk and the Minister will meet to choose a chairman and place in nomination members to be elected as Church officers for 1968.

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CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

On Mondays, October 9 to November 13, will be held at First Baptist Church 2323 Fairfield Ave. Several from this church have indicated they plan to attend these sessions. Classes are limited to 20, so get your registration in. Dr. T. Wayne Rieman of Manchester College will be the speaker for the first session at 7:30 P.M. October 9.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR
## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1967

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:15 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all ages.
Kindergarten Church - 10:30 A.M.
Primary Church - 10:30 A.M.
C.Y.F. - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.
Chi Rho - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSALS - 7:30 Thursdays

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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HIGH SCHOOL CLASS PARTY .....
Pot-luck at Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson's, 2730 Inwood Drive. Saturday Evening October 7 from 5 to 10 P.M. Call Joleen Wilhelm at 747-4424 for reservations and food.

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The one guarantee of success in church work - "the people have a mind to work"

INSTALLATION SERVICE, October 22

Dr. John Harms, General secretary o Christian Churches in Indiana, and Dr. Frank Lansing, executive director of Associated Churches in Fort Wayne, wil be taking part in the service of installation for the minister during morning worship on Sunday, October 22.

CONVENTION BUSINESS

Sixty-one items of business are on the docket before the International Con vention, October 13-18, in St. Louis. Among them are these:

28 reports from brotherhood agencies; Several recommendations pertaining to the proposal on brotherhood restructure; a report from the coordinating committee on moral and civil rights; a progress report on conversations toward church union; recommendations on attention to the aging; on support of councils of churches - local, state, national and world; on attention to the National Council's appeal to the churches concerning Vietnam.

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ADULT EDUCATION

Institute for Lifetime Learning .....

The Y.M.C.A. of Fort Wayne is offering courses of study for adults beginning Tuesday October 3rd and Thursday October 5, for 12 weeks with classes on: Furniture Repair and Refinishing; Self Defense for Women; Investing For Growth and Income; Judo for men, a course on Real Estate; Sketching and Painting; Commercial Art; and various cooking courses. If interested in any of these classes you may call the YMCA, 742-3144, for further information.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXVI **Fort Wayne, Indiana.** October 12, 1967 No. 2


## CHRISTIAN LAYMEN: "MANY ARE CALLED..."

Paul, himself a layman, never lost his high appreciation of the limitless value of the Christian layman. He, who marveled that he was "called to be an apostle, "charged others to be sensitive to their own calling. He was cordial to all "called into the fellowship" and to "yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ." He sought the best from those "called according to His purposes, "with a holy calling," "to be saints," and "to peace."

The church originated among these Christian witnesses, who earned their daily bread in ways other than as professional clergy. The disciples were laymen fishermen, a tax-collector and the like, each chosen by Christ and illustrating that a variety of persons is needed in the church. Jesus was often spoken to as 'rabbi,' but he was not such in the academic sense; the Son of God was a carpenter.

Sunday, October 15, is Laymen's Sunday, when the role of these ambassadors and personal representatives of Him who both calls them out and sends them forth is emphasized.

The worship service at 10:30 will be very special. Herman'Shorty' Weber will present the message. George Bruckman, Ray Fredericks and Ralph Church will lead the worship, and a men's quartet will sing.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Meeting

Luncheon - 12:15 PM. Mrs. Wm. Crouse is chairman. She will want your reservations. Call your Group leaders.

Mrs. W. J. Williams will be presiding officer. A 5-Minute book review will be given by Mrs. Dennis Andrew. The program, "Learn by Doing" will be under direction of Miss Pearl Heidecker, Service Director. Worship by McGavran Group; Spice Group are hostesses. Service project is - gifts for the Emily E. Flinn Home.

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RUMMAGE SALE - October 21 (One day only) at Kiwanis Branch YMCA on Culbertson Street. Mrs. Henry Schryver chairman.

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TRIP to Emily E. Flinn Home on October 24 leaving the church at noon. The program is under the direction of the Worship Department. Groups are reminded to get their cake to the church by noon on the 24th. Those needing transportation, or those willing to drive please call Miss Heidecker. 445-8333

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving Sunday, October 15

ELDERS:

10:30 A.M. Service -

Earl Plummer

Robert Rayl

DEACONS: Donald Smith, Captain

10:30 A.M. Service -

Delmas Young

Charles Ludwig

Richard Burkett

Hendricks Love

John Hechler

Ben Taylor

James Lehman

Robert Ogles

DEACONESSES - October 15

Mrs. Paul Truby

Mrs. Rolland Ripple

SUNDAY GREETERS - October

Progressive Class

COFFEE HOUR - During month of October, sponsored by Dept. of Worship and Fine Arts.

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COLLEGE STUDENT: Jay Howell is student at Indiana State College, Terre Haute.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPLETED

Herman Weber was chosen by the four members already designated to complete this year's nominating committee. Others are Ted Bryan, Mrs. Wm. Lo Earl Plummer and John Thompson. They are to present nominations for members of the church board.

Attached is a form for members of the church to suggest persons who may b considered by the committee as candidates for office. Please forward your sugg tion(s) to a committee member.

I suggest _____ as _____

(Name of person) (Office)

for the following reason:

Signed _____

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

October 8, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 7 | 1.40 |
| Nursery (2 - 4) | 14 | 1.23 |
| Kindergarten | 14 | 2.39 |
| Primary Dept | 27 | 4.45 |
| Junior Dept | 34 | 7.25 |
| Junior High | 22 | 1.35 |
| High School | 17 | 4.40 |
| Pairs & Spares | 11 | 5.25 |
| '58 Class | 25 | 13.00 |
| Berean Class | 4 | 3.00 |
| Come Double Class | 25 | 9.60 |
| Progressive Class | 35 | 17.65 |
| Friendly Class | 16 | 3.50 |
| | 251 | $ 75.47 |

ATTENTION: CHI RHO

There will be a hay-ride Friday night, with a party at the church after it. Bring 50¢ for the Hay-ride, and 35¢ for food. Meet at Church at 7:15 P.M. and parents can come to church at 11:00 P.M. to get you.

Sunday night Chi Rho will meet in the 8th Grade room at 5:00 P.M. The greater part of the evening program will be recreation.

Chi Rho and sponsors wish to thank Mrs. Jenkins who helped with transportation this past Sunday night.

--- Mrs. H.P. Love

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Myrtle Drewett is in St. Joseph's hospital and will undergo surgery on Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Merl Teeters is also a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schilling has been in Lutheran Hospital.

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## DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Mrs. Owen Vaught and Mr. McGuire will be voting delegates from this congregation at the International Convention of Christian Churches in session October 13-18 in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birkhold intended to be delegates, however his doctor advised that he not do so this year. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Williams will be attending the convention over the week-end.

Convention theme is, "Christ Makes All Things New." President this year is Forrest L. Richeson, Minneapolis First Church minister.

Mrs. Vaught, Mr. McGuire and Rev' Homer Gamboe, who is curator at Cane Ridge Shrine, retirned missionary to India and Mrs. McGuire's father, will return on Thursday, October 19.

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INSTALLATION SERVICE, October 22

Dr. John W. Harms, General Secretary of Christian Churches in Indiana will speak on, "The Ministry As a Covenantal Relationship" at the installation service for Mr. McGuire. Dr. Frank Lansing, executive director of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne will also be taking part in the service.

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## FRIEND

Let not the world soliloquize
On my bad trait or better deed
I fain would ask that Truth surmise
The valor of my daily creed.
Blest be hands that break the bread
With the stranger just outside
(Perchance 'tis He, with tousled head
The One once crucified.)
Well-shod the feet that bear no trace
Of having trod where thistles fend
O sightless one, but touch my face
For hereupon Christ's written: Friend.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1967

LAYMAN'S SUNDAY .....

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:15 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all age groups.

Kindergarten Church - 10:30 A.M.

Primary Church - 10:30 A.M.

C.Y.F. - Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

Chi Rho - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSALS - 7:30 Thursdays

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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## UNITED FUND CAMPAIGN

80,000 persons in Allen County were served last year by the agencies benefitting from the fund campaign for United Community Services. Thirty-five health, social service and character building agencies are supported by our contributions. Human welfare is everyone's responsibility, and this is one practical means of demonstrating concern in our city and county.

October 8, 1967

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| Church Attendance | 365 |
| Church School Attendance | 251 |
| Regular Church Offering | $1269.73 |
| Church School Offering | 75.47 |
| Building Fund | 41.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 9.00 |
| Landscape | 10.00 |
| | $1405.20 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 12,684.62

## OLD FRIENDS ARE GOOD FRIENDS!

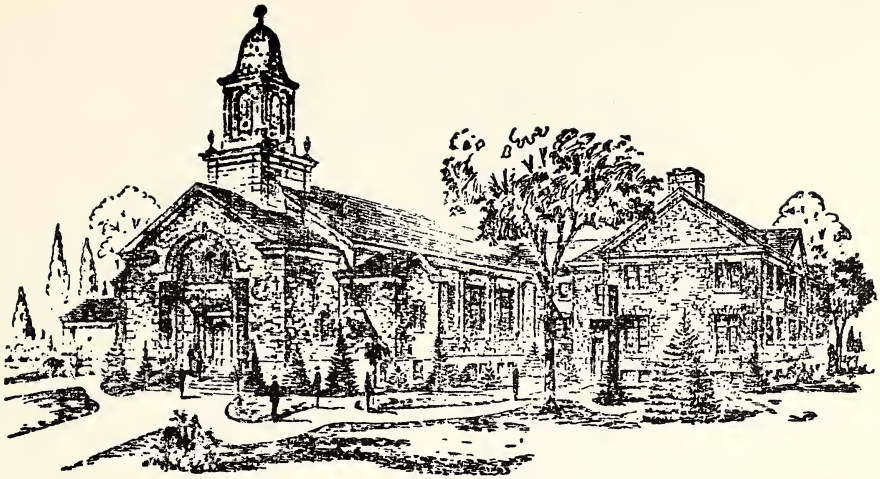
What an overjoying surprise for the McGuires, to see thirty persons from First Christian Church, Georgetown, Kentucky, in the front seats of our sanctuary this past Sunday, and who brought Kevin McGuire from Lexington for the day's visit. Nineteen young people and eleven adults drove the 490 miles round-trip to worship here, take their former minister and family to dinner, and visit briefly in their Fort Wayne home. They spoke their appreciation of this church's worship service and friendliness.

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## CYF SLAVE DAY

The CYF will have a "slave day auction" this Saturday, October 14, beginning at 9:00 until 10:00 A.M. Persons wanting labor for that day in yards, window-washing, baby-sitting, etc., may bid for help, and CYF'ers will be 'sold' to the highest bidders.

If you are interested in employing a high school student for such odd jobs, come to the church during that hour on Saturday. Proceeds will be used in the CYF program.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXVI **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** October 19, 1967 No. 3

## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

The formal installation of your minister will be incorporated into the worship service at 10:30 this Sunday, October 22.

When this was announced, onemember asked, (factiously, we hope!)"Hasn't he started yet?" I surely hope that we have had a good beginning, and that the 'honeymoon' of congregation and new minister has become a mutual sense of 'at home' and belonging.

So it may seem strange that after nearly three months of living among you, that now the minister is to be installed. This is especially so, since by now no hours or weeks are long enough, it seems every other day is either "Tidings" day or Sunday, and if we have three ill members, they are in three hospitals! But this is what makes church work void of any dull moments.

The things that really make us feel we belong are your cordial friendliness andnatural acceptance of us, and the genuine attitude of encouragement toward the ministry, and the confident, optimistic spirit of churchmanship.

Thus the installation:to confirm in Christian worship our acceptance of common tasks and opportunities; to thank God for his church and our shared, responsible ministry within it; to be alerted to the enormity of our mission, and of our resources and blessings; and to enter formally into a covenant-relationship, of personal and congregational dedication.

Dr. John W. Harms will join us to bring the message; he is general secretary of the Christian Churches in Indiana, and will represent the brotherhood.

PERT AND PERTINENT .....

Now it came to pass that a certain parishioner invited his pastor to lunch at a popular restaurant. The waiter was very efficient, and the food was good. As they rose to depart, the pastor observed that his host laid some coins under the edge of the plate. And the waiter who stood by smiled happily; which meant that the tip was satisfactory.

Now, with such customs all are familiar, and this parable enters not into the merits and demerits of tipping. But the pastor began to meditate. Well he knew that the usual tip must be at least ten percent (a tithe), lest the waiter turn against you. And it came to him that few people so honor their God as they do their waiter. For they give unto the waiter a tithe, but they give unto their God whatsoever they can spare. Verily, does man fear his waiter more than he fears his God? And does he love God less than he loves the waiter? Truly, a man and his money are beyond understanding.

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In The Power of Christ .....

I am Committed unto God .....

to witness in His name to the limitless of the universe by witnessing for him to my nonchristian neighbor and my dearest unchurched friend and companion.

to win others in the power of Christ, committed unto God to walk in his way ...to do his will...to build his kingdom...to witness in his name...to win others in his power...so that they may be committee unto God.

Committed unto Him .....Thanks be to God!

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, October 22.

ELDERS:

10:30 A.M. Service -

Bertram Leversee

William Crouse

DEACONS: Paul Truby, Captain

10:30 A.M. Service -

Homer H. Stevenson

Arthur E. Huddleston

A. Jefferson Young

Dempsey Weaver

Lawrence Horn

Robert Cale

Marvin Crouse

Robert Urich

DEACONESSES - October 22, 29

November 5;

Mrs. Harold Nordblom

Mrs. Glenn Miller

SUNDAY GREETERS - October

Progressive Class

COFFEE HOUR - Christian Women's Fellowship in charge.

NOVEMBER - SUNDAY GREETERS ..

Berean Class

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HARMONY IN THE CHOIR ....

Our choir not only harmonizes well in good music, but also in good fellowship. Once each month following rehearsal, they gather in a home for a coffee hour and informal social. The choir is invited to the home of the director, Don L. Parlette and family, 3828 Huth Drive (off Aboite Center Road), this Thursday, October 19. Perhaps this friendly atmosphere, plus the opportunity to serve the church through the ministry of music, will be incentive to others to join the choir!

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Where will you be tomorrow?

Are you sure?

## RIGHT NAMES FOR RIGHT FACES! A PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Your church board, in its October meeting, approved a program that will be of both interest and value to members. A pictorial directory of the entire membership is to be published, which will include new photographs of every church family or household unit (whether one person or several), a complete alphabetical listing of names, addresses and telephones, and an informative section about the church.

This will be made possible by arrangement with a reputable firm which publishes only such directories. In the near future, each member (and all his or her family) will be asked to make an appointment within a stated number of days to come to the church for picture-taking by expert photographers. There is no cost involved at any time.

In a few days, proofs will be shown, again at the church. If members wish to order prints, this may be done at your own expense. The only obligation is to select a picture for use in the forthcoming directory. No pressure is exerted to purchase other prints, however; such sales as may be made are the means by which the company does business and prints the directories.

Finally, the booklet is composed of all pictures and script, and ready for printing. One copy of the finished directory (several pages, 8-1/2 by 11" is presented to each household whose picture has been included, and a quantity is given to the church for its purposes - all at no cost.

This program will require effort, some time, and much cooperation. The membership committee has handled arrangements thus far, with Floyd Morrical, chairman. Mr. and Mrs.

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Merle Rice, and Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson have been added to the continuing committee to help with necessary details.

Schedules and other pertinent information will be made available as soon as confirmed between church and publishers.

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## CONVENTION CONCLUDES IN ST. LOUIS . . .

About the time this issue of "Tidings" is being mailed, another International Convention of Christian Churches will be concluding in St. Louis, having been in session October 13-18.

Indiana churches can be proud that one of the state's ablest men has been elected president of the convention for this year: Dr. Ronald E. Osborn, dean and Professor of church history at CTS. (Christian Theological Seminary), Indianapolis. His own career has focused on the education of the ministry, and the ecumenical movement. His recently-published book is entitled, "A Church for These Times."

Although the 1968 Assembly will be in Kansas City, the convention functions continually. Again, Indiana is fortunate to have its offices in its capitol city, where Dr. A. Dale Fiers is executive secretary of the convention.

Your delegates, Mrs. Vaught and Mr. McGuire, will return from St. Louis on Thursday.

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Do not act as if you had ten thousand years to throw away. Death stands at your elbow. Be good for something while you live and it is in your power.

--Marcus Aurelius

In the end, the things that really count are the things you can't count.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, ,OCTOBER 22, 1967

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:15 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all ages
Kindergarten Church - 10:30 A.M.
Primary Church - 10:30 A.M.
C.Y.F. - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
Chi Rho - Sunday at 5:00 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSALS - 7:30 Thursdays

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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EMILY E. FLINN HOME TRIP!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 -

This is an annual trip made by the women of First Christian CWF and friends. Cakes are furnished by the groups and should be at the church by Noon on Tuesday. Plan to go and if you need transportation, or will drive, please call Miss Heidecker, general Service Director, 445-8333.

From Page -1-

Dr. Frank Lansing, executive director of the Associated Churches, will bring greetings from Fort Wayne's other denominations and will share in the worship leadership, along with officers of our own congregation.

This must be a significant day for each of us, because with our singular witness joined to all the others, we are the church. It will be a time of good fellowship also; a coffee hour followin the service is being arranged by the Christian Women's Fellowship.

And so to work!

- Franklin R. McGuire

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!! RUMMAGE SALE !!

October 21, 1967

Kiwanis Branch Y.M.C.A.

2720 Culbertson Street

To get there you can go West on Taylo Street to Catalpa and turn north on Cat alpa. Culbertson is the first street north of Taylor. . . . .

We need 14-16 women to help at the rummage sale. 7 or 8 for Friday evening, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. and 7 or 8 for Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

If your rummage chairman, or Group leader has not already contacted you, please call Mrs. Henry Schryver, 456-1651. Also - any clothing sent for rummage should be in reaconably good condition, and reasonably clean. Clothing that is too worn or tattered can only be thrown away.

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The EVANGELISM Committee will meet on Tuesday evening, October 24 and will go calling .




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Volume XXVI **Fort Wayne, Indiana.** October 26, 1967 No. 4


## CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK

High on a mesa in Texas there are several flat stones with crude geometric designs carved into them. These designs, called 'petroglyphs', are the attempt of some man of long ago to communicate with other men around him.

Picture him sitting there, hunched over the flat stone, laboriously pecking away with his crude hammer and chisel. What is he trying to say? What thought or feeling has urged him to his difficult task? If we could read what he is writing, what would we call it? A story? Warning? Trail Marker? Prophecy? Poem? a prayer? Whatever he wrote, it was important to him and the others who passed by and read it, for in those days 'publishing' was too difficult an effort to waste on ordinary or inconsequential matters.

We live in a different age. We are bombarded with messages from printed pages, T.V. tubes, radios, movies, billboards, telephones, and pulpits. Some of these messages are attempts to imprison us and use us to someone else's profit. Some are just meaningless drivel. Some are instructive and helpful and can give new dimensions and meaning to our lives. It is up to us to select the messages we will heed, and our selection determines which paths will be our chosen way.

Francis Bacon wrote: "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." This week helps us to make sure that Christian messages are available, and that what we choose is worthy of chewing and digestion.

(Copied)

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Herman Weber, 8543 Fiesta Way, Wednesday, November 1, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Dale Parkerson; Worship by Mrs. Hendricks Love.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Terry King, 234 No. Seminole Circle, Wednesday, November 1 at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Earl Fusselman; Worship Mrs. Wm. Crouse.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington Av. Thursday, November 2, at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. W.J. Williams; Worship by Mrs. Paul Truby.

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POSTPONED - RUMMAGE SALE ... Due to a conflict in schedules we are to have our Sale on Saturday, November 4th. at the Kiwanis Branch of YM. CA. 2720 Culbertson St. This is the first street north of Taylor. Go west on Taylor to Catalpa, then turn north.

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## WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

The 1967 World Community Day luncheon will be held at the New Haven Methodist Church ( Please note change in place of meeting) Friday, November 3, at 12 Noon.. The theme will be "Building Bridges", and the speaker will be Dr. Robert Penn, minister of First Baptist Church, Gary. Having traveled in Africa, he will speak on "Problems of New Nations." Price of the luncheon will be $1.25, and reservations can be made by phoning 744-4995 or 745-9675. The Fort Wayne Council of Church Women United sponsors this inter-church program.

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October 30 is the deadline to get your suits or bandages in for World Community Day Dedication service..

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday October 29.

ELDERS:

10:30 A.M. Service -

William Franklin
George Bruckman

DEACONS - Paul Truby, Captain

10:30 A.M. Service -

Homer H. Stevenson
Arthur E. Huddleston
A. Jefferson Young
Dempsey Weaver
Lawrence Horn
Robert Cale
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DEACONESSES - October 29, Nov. 5.

Mrs. Harold Nordblom
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SUNDAY GREETERS - October

Progressive Class

NOVEMBER - SUNDAY GREETERS:

Berean Class

COFFEE HOUR - Worship Department in charge.

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## APPRECIATION OF SUNDAY'S SERVICE

The service of installation this past Sunday was meaningful to me as minister of this splendid congregation, and I trust that it was so for all members of the church who were privileged to hear Dr. John Harms' interpretation of the covenantal relationship that we have together. Appreciation must be expressed to Dr. Harms and to Dr. Frank Lansing, guest leaders in the installation, and to Mr. Hugh Rice and Mr. Ralph Church for their participation. "Thank you" is said also to the ladies of the C.W.F. for the gracious coffee hour following the service.

-- Franklin R. McGuire

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

October 22, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | 1.25 |
| Nursery (2-4) | 13 | 1.36 |
| Kindergarten | 11 | 2.34 |
| Primary Dept. | 29 | 13.56 |
| Junior Dept. | 29 | 8.13 |
| Junior High | 17 | 1.80 |
| High School | 22 | 3.98 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 6.75 |
| 58 Class | 22 | 12.00 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 6.00 |
| Come Double Class | 19 | 8.25 |
| Progressive Class | 29 | 17.25 |
| Friendly Class | 17 | 3.20 |
| | 232 | $ 85.94 |

## CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M.

The project of the evening will be "halloweening" for canned goods nearby the church. The food will be given to the needy. Each member of ChiRho is asked to bring a can of food from home. Afterward, an interesting snack will be provided.

Chi Rho sponsors wish to thank Mrs. Charles Hunt and Mrs. Ted Bryan, who helped recently; also, we wish to express our thanks to Mr. Ben Taylor, Mr. Harley Meadows, and Mr. George Bruckman who helped with transportation for the hayride. Becky Buskirk participated in the worship.

-- Mrs. Hendricks Love

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Herman Weber wishes to take this means to thank all who sent cards, or visited her while she was in the hospital. The many kindnesses were greatly appreciated.

Your ballot is your birthright as an American citizen. Do not despise it.

## 450th ANNIVERSARY

Christian Churches should take note on Tuesday of the 450th anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing the 95 Theses (or questions or problems) onto the door of the castle church - a kind of university bulletin board - on October 31, 1517. These were issues for academic debate which the fiery Luther raised within the Catholic Church, and which spurred on the Reformation to culmination in Protestant Christianity. A historian says Luther "is one of the few men of whom it may be said that the history of the world was profoundly altered by his work. Not a great scholar, an organizer or a politician, he moved men by the power of a profound religious experience, resulting in unshakable trust in God, and in direct, immediate and personal relations to Him ... None can deny his pre-eminent place in the history of the church." (Walker)

## CYF HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR CHILDREN

Our CYF is sponsoring a Halloween Party for the small children of the church this Sunday evening, October 29, primarily to "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" Children beginning with kindergarten age should be brought to the church by 6:30, in costume and clothing suitable for the weather. CYF'ers will then accompany them to an assigned area, with UNICEF boxes to collect donations from homes for approximately an hour. They will return to the church for a party, to return and count the collection, and to dedicate it. Children will be ready to go home by 8:30. UNICEF dispenses aid to children in 117 countries, in areas of health, sanitation and disease control. Three days (Sunday thru Tuesday) are designated for collection, children from approx. 50 churches will "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1967

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
9:15 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all ages.
Kindergarten Church - 10:30 A.M.
Primary Church - 10:30 A.M.
C.Y.F. - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
Chi Rho - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
CHOIR REHEARSALS - 7:30 Thursdays
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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## OCTOBER'S FELLOWSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Allen, members of the worship committee, have attended to arrangements for the coffee hours following worship services during four of the five Sundays in October. (The CWF attended to the 22nd). These are excellent opportunities for getting acquainted and for fellowship, and the church appreciates the helpfulness of Mr. and Mrs. Allen.

**October 22, 1967**

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 305 |
| Church School Attendance | 232 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 837.30 |
| Church School Offering | 85.94 |
| Building Fund | 4.00 |
| | $ 927.24 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 12,684.62

## LOOK AT THE BIRDIE!

Practice your best smiles this month, t be ready to have your picture taken fo the church's pictorial directory. Plan are being completed for photography a publishing of this booklet, in cooperation with United Church Directories of Indiana. Each member of the church, with all of his or her household, will b contacted in mid-November to make a appointment for having the picture tak at the church at some convenient time during six days, November 24-29. Fro 90 to 120 days are needed to complete the directory for distribution.

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## BOOKS TO READ

Ecclesiastes says, "Of making books there is no end . . .", but reading them is another and better matter! This Sunday, October 5, beginning "Christian Literature Week, " an exhibit of books will be in the fellowship hall for viewing and borrowing during the coffee hour. Mrs. Dennis Andrew, librarian for the C.W.F. and church, will assist with checking out and reminders to return books. A quantity of books well wo rth reading are in the library, locat in the parlor, and it is hoped that these will be the nucleus of a growing and adequate collection for all ages and needs.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## OUR MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION: TO WORSHIP

There are many reasons for worship, and different blessings and benefits from it: its music, fellowship, beauty, assurance, etc. Superbly, though we come to opportunities and forms of worship purely and essentially to worship God! "... my one unchanged obsession, wheresoe'er my feet have trod, is a keen, enormous, haunting, never-sated thirst for God." (Gamaliel Bradford)

A 'doxology' is any formal expression of praise or glory to God, such as that familiar one we sing or that which concludes the Lord's Prayer: "Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever."

What an opportune season November is, to sing and pray a 'doxology' - and to BE ONE, as a personal expression of praise and glory to God. This eleventh month has overtones of joy and gratitude, which beckon us to fuller demonstration and phrasing of our faith. So many of our strivings and efforts are summarized in harvest-time, and we count our blessings of provisions, freedom, security opportunity, love.

Some extraordinary services will help us this November: our own Thanksgiving Sunday worship on the 19th; two community service - one on Wednesday evening, the 22nd, and one Thanksgiving morning, the 23rd; and the annual Woman's Day service on the 26th, arranged by our CWF.

We have the very place to again reflect Isaiah's ecstacy: "I saw the Lord,

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Ludwig, 2722 Glencairn on Tuesday, November 7 at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. A.N. Shockney, Worship by Mrs. Robert Chevalier.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, 3521 Robinwood Tuesday, November 7, at 1:30 PM. Program by Mrs. Chas. Dilts; Worship by Mrs. Hugh Rice.

The NELSON Group will meet with Mrs. Russell Wortley, 2229 Drake Dr. Wednesday, November 8 at 8:00 PM. Program by Mrs. John Williams, Worship by Mrs. James Cain.

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The MONTGOMERY Group is arranging a chartered Bus trip to Chicago on Saturday, November 18. Leaving Fort Wayne at 7:00 A.M. and arriving back at 10:00 P.M. Fare is $7.50. The group are inviting anyone who would like to go with this group to call Mrs. Paul Yentes, 747-3613. Also, anyone wanting information should call Mrs. Yentes

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RUMMAGE SALE, this Saturday, 9:00 to 2:30. at the Kiwanis Branch of YMCA. on Culbertson St. Mrs. Henry Schryver, chairman.

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15 men and women made the trip to the Flinn Home. They took food and clothing , ice cream and cakes, and an offering of $84.00.

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Our WOMAN's DAY service has been changed to November 26. Mrs. Homer Gamboe, retired missionary in India and mother of our Rachael McGuire will bring the message. Offering envelopes have been distributed through the groups. Goal $100.

AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday November 5

ELDERS:

Solon Merriman
Robert Chevalier

DEACONS: Captain - Paul Truby

Homer Stevenson
Arthur Huddleston
Jefferson Young
Dempsey Weaver
E.M. O'Laughlin
Herbert C. Banet
Paul Yentes
Cecil Beck

DEACONESSES - November 5

Mrs. Harold Nordblim
Mrs. Glenn Miller

SUNDAY GREETERS - November

Berean Class

COFFEE HOUR - Following Morning worship in Fellowship Hall

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Richard W. Baker is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Ross E. Cross is a patient in Rm 326, Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Gerald Elser, Sr. is a patient in Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. David Mullins (Mary Alice Truby) is in Room 300, Lutheran Hosp.

Both Mrs. Maida Teeters and Mrs. Myrtle Drewett are still in hospital.

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WORLD COMMUNITY DAY - Friday November 3, at New Haven Methodist Church, Dedication of garments (sewing project) and bandages. Luncheon at 12 Noon, $1.25 . Dr. Robert Penn, minister, First Baptist Church, Gary, will speak on: "Problems of New Nations."

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## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

October 29, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .75 |
| Nursery (2-4) | 8 | .85 |
| Kindergarten | 12 | 2.36 |
| Primary Dept | 25 | 3.88 |
| Junior Dept | 33 | 6.39 |
| Junior High | 20 | 2.25 |
| High School | 22 | 3.84 |
| Pairs & Spares | 5 | 3.75 |
| '58 Class | 17 | 11.00 |
| Berean Class | 10 | 5.00 |
| Come Double | 26 | 9.00 |
| Progressive | 31 | 15.25 |
| Friendly | 18 | 3.80 |
| | 231 | $68.14 |

## CHI RHO 5:00 P.M.

Chi Rho will meet at 5:00 P.M. sharp in Fellowship Hall. Mr. Daryl Jones, who two years ago received a "Y" award trip to Europe, will show slides of his travels and of the family with whom he lived while there. The CYF is invited.

The Chi Rho members, last Sunday, gathered three bushels of canned goods to be distributed with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical, on November 12. The members and sponsors wish to thank Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Robt. Rayl, and Mr. & Mrs. William Love for their help last Sunday.

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## HALLOWE'EN - TO GOOD USE .....

A number of children of the church had a thoroughly good time "Trick or Treating" for UNICEF, on Sunday evening, during the CYF party for them. Young people accompanied costumed children to an assigned area, where at least $17.55 was collected for the United Nations Children's Fund. Games and refreshments were later provided by the CYF, and Marvin Crouse performed acts of magic.

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The special offering on Thanksgiving Sunday supports the work done through state and area missions, International Convention, Christian education, colleges, seminaries and campus ministries, and our historical interests.

GOALS - for that day, November 19. are as follows:

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Friendly Class | 30 | 30.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 150.00 |
| Come Double Class | 30 | 50.00 |
| Berean Class | 20 | 45.00 |
| '58 Class | 30 | 50.00 |
| High School Class | 30 | 15.00 |
| Junior High | 30 | 20.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 35 | 25.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 35 | 15.00 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 7.00 |
| Nursery | 20 | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that your church shared in a ministry to migrant workers this summer, through cooperation with the Associated Churches? A staff worker, Miss Linda Brandon, was employed to direct the program on the camp ground at Monroeville. Volunteer workers also Participated, using funds and gifts, and distributing clothing, games, books and leaflets. Proceeds from a clothing sale may be used to buy glasses for some migrant children.

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Did you know there is a need for women with an afternoon or evening free, to teacher English to internationals living in our city? Other help in contacting such persons and in their homes is needed. If interested, phone 745-3605.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1967

10:30 A.M. Service - Morning Worship
9:15 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all age groups.
Kindergarten Church - 10:30 A.M.
Primary Church - 10:30 A.M.
C.Y.F. Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
Chi Rho - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSALS - 7:30 Thursdays

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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October 29, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 305 |
| Church School Attendance | 231 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 970.50 |
| Church School Offering | 68.14 |
| Building Fund | 1.00 |
| | $ 1039.64 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALAINCE ....
$ 11,542.76

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high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple." The Church bids us to come and both bring and be a 'thank-offering' of worship to God. An over-flowing sanctuary would indicate over flowing hearts. So come: "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow ..."

Franklin R. McGuire

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## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Men's Fellowship, of which John Thompson is President, will have its first meeting of the Fall on Saturday morning, November 11. This will be an informal breakfast meeting (time to be announced) to which all men of the church are urged to attend. Hugh Rice and Merle Rice will present the program, which will be on Indiana using slides of scenes.

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## DON'T SAY 'CHEESE' - - SAY 'CHURCH!'

The schedule of photography for the pictorial directory of the church will b made during the next three weeks by a corps of workers. Effort will be made to contact every member of the church to set an appointment for having his or her picture taken, along with all mem bers of the family whether all are mem bers or not. Photography dates are Nov ember 24 through 29; hours are 5:00 - 9:00 P.M. on weekdays and 10:00 - 6:00 on Saturday.

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Books for Christian Literature Week are kept on display in Fellowship Hall thru next Sunday, November 5.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

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## OUR CHARGE TO RESPONSIBLE ACTION

Another election has come and gone, in which citizens had the privilege and responsibility of voicing their informed, concerned opinion by public vote. This is the precious prerogative of the conscientious church member also. The Christian Church has maintained a congregational or democratic form of self-government, for establishing policies, arriving at vital decisions, choosing persons to serve as representatives in areas of leadership, and conducting its work and business.

Such a system to assure that "all things should be done decently and in order", (I Cor. 14:40) depends on each and every member responding to the Christian charge to responsible action.

We are anticipating and planning for a new church year, beginning January 1, 1968. Renewed opportunities for fulfilling our mission and ministry will be before us. Committees are at work in preparation. The nominating committee will present its report on November 12 on persons for important capacities of leadership, and service this next year. The Board approved the recommendation of the finance and stewardship committee as to a 1968 budget. These now require consideration by members and action by the congregation. Each member should then review these deliberately, and come prepared to act upon them in knowing and responsible way. We are called as Christians to informed, concerned and committed witness through the church.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Groups

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will meet with Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Ave., November 13, at 8:00 PM Program by Mrs. T.R.Eiler; Worship Mrs. O.R.Kuhlman.

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. Paul Yentes, 3301 Sandpoint Rd. Tuesday, November 14 at 8:00 P.M. Program by Mrs. Edwin Hall; Worship by Mrs. Clair Buskirk.

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## CLOTHING DRIVE

Sponsored by Christian Women's Fellowship. Bring your good, clean , warm clothing to the church during this month There is a great need.

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## WOMAN'S DAY

We will hold our Woman's Day service on the morning of Sunday, November 29. Mrs. Homer Gamboe, retired missionary to India will bring the message. Our offering is for World Outreach. Goal $100.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS - The Nelson Group have Christmas Cards for sale. These picture the interior of our church in beautiful color, and sell for 15¢ each. See. Beverly Hendricks or any member of the Group.

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DID YOU KNOW an open house is to be held at Interchurch Center, Indianapolis on November 18 &19, 2:00 to 5:00 PM? Offices of the Association of Christian Churches in Indiana are located there, 1100 West 42nd St.

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A thankful heart doubles our blessings, causing us to enjoy them twice - when we receive them, and when we remember them.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, November 12

ELDERS:

David Hogg

Floyd Morrical

DEACONS: Paul Truby, Captain

Lawrence Horn

Marvin Crouse

Robert Urich

E.M. O'Laughlin

Herbert Banet

Paul Yentes

Cecil Beck

DEACONESSES - November 12, 19, 26

Mrs. Harold Crowder

Mrs. Wm. Crouse

SUNDAY GREETERS - November

Berean Class

COFFEE HOUR - Following morning worship in Fellowship Hall.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

David Scott was born to David and Mary Alice Mullins on Saturday, October 28/ We wish to congratulate this young couple on the birth of their little son. Mr. & Mrs. Paul Truby are the grandparents.

Mr. Richard Baker had surgery last week-end, at Lutheran Hospital.

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Mrs. Robert Hendricks wishes to take this means to thanks everyone who called or sent cards while she was ill in the hospital.

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DID YOU KNOW 'Operation Friendship' is in progress in Fort Wayne? This is a dialogue between Negroes and Whites, which is based on a study book, "The Sermon on the Mount", by Jordan. A series of six sessions, held in homes of participants, began October 22.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ... first meeting of the Fall is to be on Saturday morning, November 11.

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING

"Thy Paths Our Chosen Ways" Christian Growth through ...Fellowship, Nurture Education, Extension. Christian work in the many areas of the church's mission is made possible through the offering of concerned persons. Unified Promotion serves as the receiving and distributing office for the churches. The budgeted goal for First Christian is $500.

CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS for that day, November 19, are:

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Friendly Class | 30 | $ 30.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 150.00 |
| Come Double Class | 30 | 50.00 |
| Berean Class | 20 | 45.00 |
| '58 Class | 30 | 50.00 |
| High School Class | 30 | 15.00 |
| Junior High | 30 | 20.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 35 | 25.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 35 | 15.00 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 7.00 |
| Nursery | 20 | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

November 5, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .39 |
| Nursery (2-4) | 7 | .80 |
| Kindergarten | 11 | 2.02 |
| Primary Dept. | 26 | 3.79 |
| Junior Dept. | 32 | 7.89 |
| Junior High | 19 | 2.96 |
| High School | 17 | 3.47 |
| Pairs & Spares | 9 | 5.32 |
| '58 Class | 19 | 12.00 |
| Berean Class | 9 | 5.00 |
| Come Double | 19 | 9.25 |
| Progressive Class | 26 | 12.05 |
| Friendly Class | 11 | 2.15 |
| | 208 | $ 67.10 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE .. $ 11,542.76

## CHI RHO

Chi Rho members are to meet at the church at 3:15 P.M. promptly. Bring a sack lunch. The events this afternoon meeting will be long remembered! Chi Rho will dismiss at 6:45.

Chi Rho members and sponsors wish to thank Mr. Daryl Jones, who showed slides of his European travels last Sunday.

Our church members are invited to a Chi Rho sponsored Christmas party on Sunday evening, December 10. Reserve this time for yourselves and your family. Chi Rho members will announce details later.

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## "OH WHERE, OH WHERE, HAS MY LITTLE SHAWL GONE?"

Mrs. Barton Johnson took this shawl to Hahn Way Cleaners, shortly before they left Fort Wayne. Through some error it was missing from the garments she picked-up. When contacting Hahn-Way they told Mrs. Johnson that a man from the Church picked up her shawl and agreed to send it to her. She has not received it. Does anyone know where this shawl might be? Please either send it on to Tipton or bring it to the church office. The Johnsons address: 215 West Washington, Tipton, Ind. 46072.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Photographs of our members will be taken during the week, November 24 - 29. From 5 to 9 P.M. week-days; and on Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 PM. Mrs. James Ruble is heading up the telephone Committee. This committee will contact each family in the church, to make appointments.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ... 8:00 to 9:30 A.M. Saturday, November 11th.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1967

10:30 A.M. Service - Morning Worship
9:15 A.M. - Church School - Classes for all age groups
Kindergarten Church - 10:30 A.M.
Primary Church - 10:30 A.M.
C.Y.F. Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
Chi Rho - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
CHOIR REHEARSALS - 7:30 Thursdays
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

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Nursery is provided for children and infants through age 3).

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 19 -1967

The meeting of the congregation to handle its annual business, especially election of officers and budget approva is planned for Sunday noon, November 19, immediately following morning worship, and concluding at 2:00 or 2:3(

A meal will be shared in the Fellowsh Hall, during which the meeting will be conducted. Opportunity will be given fc interpretation, questions and discussion as well as for other reports or matters o conseqüence to the church. In order for all members to be present in both the worship service and the meeting, arrangements are being made to eliminat as much time and work as possible. Th main course of the meal will be provided by the church, through a catering service, Members of the church are asked to bring salad and/or dessert enough for their own family and to share buffet-style, with others. Each family must bring its own table service; drinks will be provided.

In order that arrangements can be made adequately, some indication of attendance at the meal is necessary. Please indicate on paper, by placing with you offering this Sunday, November 12, or mailing to the church by Tuesday, that you will be present and how many of your family, or that you cannot attend.

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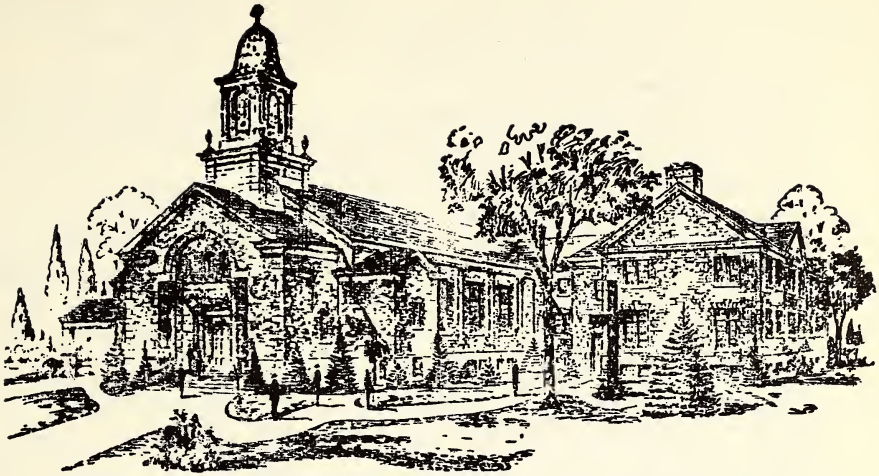
There will be _____ (total number of persons from our household)

present for the congregational meal and meeting, next Sunday,

November 19; or - Sorry, I/we cannot attend. _____ (please check).

Signed: _____

Member



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CONGREGATION BUSINESS MEETING,
for election of officers and approval
of the church budget for 1968,
will be conducted IN THE SANCTUARY
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING
WORSHIP this Sunday, November 19.

The fellowship meal HAS BEEN CANCELED
for lack of response from members!

111 persons (including children) made
reservations, which was not considered
sufficient number to be representative
of a membership of over 1000.

It was helpful that 52 households indicated
that they intended to be present, and 37
households stated they could not.

--FRM.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
### OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

The following are the name of officers to be elected on next Sunday morning.

Trustee: Bertram W. Leversee.

Elders: Hugh D. Rice, Myron M. Cole, Dr. Henry Lee Butler, J. Frederic Smell, Herman L. Weber, John Thompson, Rufus S. G. Quinn.

Deacons: Romane H. Cole, Edwin R. Allen, James P. Heavin, John C. Varner, George R. Davis, Vernon Moore, Virgil Montgomery, Robert Schubel, Stanley Cole, Mark Snyder, W. Harry Imbody, William J. Schilling, Dr. James F. Ruble.

Deacons filling unexpired terms: Donald L. Miller, Norman C. Strayer.

Deaconesses: Mrs. Rufus Quinn, Mrs. Edwin Allen, Mrs. S. E. Merriman, Mrs. Helen Clymore, Mrs. Frederic Smell, Mrs. Floyd Morrical.

Deaconess to fill an unexpired term: Mrs. Herdis Helmuth.

Church Treasurer: Andrew C. Cook

Assistant Treasurer -Albert J. Powell

Financial Secretary -Herman Weber

Assistant Financial Secretaries: Ralph E. Church, Hugh D. Rice, Walter Birkhold, Wendell C. Glass.

Church Clerk: Mrs. Owen Vaught

ChurchSchool Superintendent: John Thompson.

Church School Financial Secretary: Garland Morrolf

Church School Secretaries: Mrs. E. M. O'Laughlin, Mrs. J. W. Lehman

The congregation will have opportunity to make nominations from the floor as set forth in the church by-laws. Each nominee much having consented to serve in the office to which he is nominated, and must be an active member

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of the church for more than a year. The nomination must be supported by two other active members of the church, wh are present at the meeting.

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## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving Sunday, November 1

ELDERS:
Albert J. Powell
Harold W. Crowder

DEACONS: Paul Truby, Captain
Lawrence Horn
Marvin Crouse
Robert Urich
E. M. O'Laughlin
Herbert Banet
Paul Yentes
Cecil Beck

DEACONESSES - November 19.26
Mrs. Harold Crowder
Mrs. William Crouse

SUNDAYS GREETERS - November
Berean Class

COFFEE HOUR - Following morning worship in Fellowship Hall.

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
### General Monthly Meeting

The Christian Women's Fellowship will meet next Tuesday evening, at 8:00 P. M. in Fellowship Hall. This will be a joint meeting with the women from West Creighton and North Christian churches. The program, "The Further Side of Time" with slides:"Adventures in the Grand Canyon" by Mr. George Hacker. Worship will be conducted by the women of North Christian church. Fellowship Guild will serve as hostesses and Montgomery Group will serve refreshments. As a courtesy due our guests let us all be present for this program.

There will be a short Executive meeting at 7:30 in the Chapel.

THANKSGIVING offers an opportunity for growth: It is the season for expressing gratitude. Traditionally, it is the time for expressing appreciation to God for our blessings beyond measure.

The validity and scope of the Christian services performed through brotherhood agencies, emphasizes the need for more adequate financial undergirding.

Most persons in our day are able to increase their participation through larger gifts.

CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS

for November 19, are:

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Friendly Class | 30 | $ 30.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 150.00 |
| Come Double Class | 30 | 50.00 |
| Berean Class | 20 | 45.00 |
| '58 Class | 30 | 50.00 |
| High School Class | 30 | 15.00 |
| Junior High | 30 | 20.00 |
| Junior Dept | 35 | 25.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 35 | 15.00 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 7.00 |
| Nursery | 20 | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

November 12, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 2 | $ .37 |
| Nursery (2-4) | 10 | .94 |
| Kindergarten | 10 | 1.62 |
| Primary Dept. | 42 | 4.21 |
| Junior Dept. | 35 | 6.72 |
| Junior High | 20 | 2.25 |
| High School | 20 | 3.58 |
| Pairs & Spares | 11 | 6.75 |
| '58 Class | 17 | 9.50 |
| Berean Class | 12 | 6.00 |
| Come Double | 18 | 9.00 |
| Progressive Class | 37 | 20.30 |
| Friendly Class | 18 | 3.90 |
| | 242 | $ 75.04 |

CHI RHO

Chi Rho will meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 P.M. for a special Thanksgiving program, prepared for both fun and reverence. Candles, crayons, paper quart milk cartons, frozen juice cans! Chi Rho asks that anyone having these items, used or unwanted, please give them to Barbara Love, Steven Bruckman Mrs. Meadows, or Mrs. H.Love, before November 26.

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CLOTHING DRIVE - BLANKETS .....

These articles may be brought to the church during November. They should be clean, good and warm. There are cartons in the entries for your convenience.

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WOMAN'S DAY

Mrs. Homer Gamboe was a missionary to India for 33 years. There she devoted herself to teaching and evangelism.. With her husband, she was located for most of her service at Bilaspur District in the state of Madhya Pradesh, living 15 years in Bilaspur and one term in Mungeli. Mrs. Gamboe's subject will be "A Progress Report". Our offering is for World Outreach .

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PERSONAL MENTION

It was with a feeling of sorrow that we learned of the death of Mr. Mote on November 4. Mr. Mote, with his wife, were until their moving to New Mexico active and faithful members of the church. Our sincere sympathy is extend--ed to Mrs. Mote.

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Mrs. Lee Fisher is a patient in room 315 Parkview.

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THE PRIMARY DEPT. is supplying a family a Thanksgiving dinner. Please remind your child to bring their cans of food, Sunday, November 19.

r. & Mrs. James H. Naile
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Lawrence, Ind. 46226

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1967

9:15 A.M. Church School - Classes for all age groups
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
" Kindergarten Church
" Primary Church
C.Y.F. Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
Chi Rho - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.
CHOIR REHEARSALS - 7:30 P.M.
BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.
Nursery is provided for children and infants through age 3.

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November 12, 1967

| | |
|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 348 |
| Church School Attendance | 242 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1537.81 |
| Church School Offering | 75.04 |
| Building Fund | 101.00 |
| | $ 1713.85 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 11,542.76

## JUNIOR DEPT. CHANGE

The Junior Department of the Sunday School, Mrs. Harold Crowder, Supt., moving to the third floor of the build over the parlor. A room for each of t three classes will be in use this Sund

The Come Double Class will meet the Fellowship hall this Sunday. App ciation is expressed for this class reli quishing their room to the Juniors.

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## THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Two services in the vicinity of our church will be provided for Thanksgi worshipers: Wednesday, 7:45 P.M. Grace United Church of Christ, 302 W Lexington; a service of music. Thurs 9:30 A.M. at Epworth Methodist, 53 Hessen Cassel; Olin Mitchell, preach

Offering will support the day relig education program of the Associated Churches.

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## NEW BIBLICAL MATERIALS

The 12-volume Interpreter's Bible (encyclopedias) and 4-volume Dicti ary of the Bible has been purchased the church, and is in the library in th parlor.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY NEXT WEEK

Picture-taking for the directory w begin Nov. 24 through 29, at the chu Be ready to schedule your household appointment, when the telephone co mittee calls you.

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Mrs. Robert Chevalier is a patient Rm. 333, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Blanche Mosebaugh is a patien Rm. 588, Lutheran Hospital.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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## WOMAN'S DAY THIS SUNDAY

WOMAN'S DAY is an annual observance for the total church, sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship during the morning worship. Rather than simply recognizing or elevating the role of women in the church (which is considerable!), the day emphasizes the church's whole mission and claim upon every Christian. The theme for 1967 is "Thy Paths Our Chosen Way."

MRS. HOMER P.GAMBOE has been secured by our C.W.F. to bring the message this Sunday, November 26, for Woman's Day. Mr. and Mrs. Gamboe served for 33 years as missionaries of the Christian Church in central India, in evangelistic and educational work. Mrs. Gamboe graduated from Midway School and Transylvania College in Kentucky, and from the College of Missions, in Indianapolis. After retirement from the foreign field, Mr. and Mrs. Gamboe have continued with UCMS as resource persons, speaking in many churches, conferences and assemblies.

They now live at Cane Ridge, near Paris, Kentucky, where they are curators of the historic meeting house which figured so prominently in the origin of our brotherhood. They are the parents of Mrs. Franklin McGuire and another daughter who lives in Florida.

The worship service at 10:30 will have CWF ladies sharing in its leadership. The undesignated or loose offering will be used by the CWF as part of their outreach giving.

## PICTURE-MAKING FOR DIRECTORY

Members of the church are reminded to come to the church for photography appointments, which begin this Friday Nov. 24, and continue through Wednesday, Nov. 29. Proofs may be seen in a few weeks, when notice will be sent to each household, with the only obligation to select a print to be used in the forthcoming pictorial directory; copies may be purchased as desired.

The picture of every member of the church is wanted. Also, every member of the family, including all children and those not members of this congregation, is wanted in the picture. The directory of names, however, will include only those who are members of the church.

The telephone committee has been trying to contact all members. In the event that someone has been missed, that person is urged to telephone the committee chairman, Mrs. James F. Ruble, or the church office, to schedule an appointment or for other information.

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## CHURCH BUSINESS COMPLETED

Officers of the church as previously nominated were elected, and a budget of $99,694.00 was approved, to become effective January 1, for the church year, 1968, at the congregational meeting last Sunday. In the effort to be entirely realistic in planning, the budget is only $250 more than that for 1967.

Members will be asked to return stewardship commitment cards on December 3, indicating the amount of offering they intend to give to the church during the coming year. Cards will be sent, so that deliberate and prayerful consideration can be given to this part of Christian witness.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving November 26, 1967

ELDERS:
William Crouse
John Merrill

DEACONS - George Warren, Captain
Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John L. Clark
Arthur Mowery
Frank Moody
LeRoy Timbrook
Red E. Bryan
Thomas Frappier

DEACONESSES - November 26
Mrs. Harold Crowder
Mrs. William Crouse

SUNDAY GREETERS - November
Berean Class

SUNDAY GREETERS -
December - Come Double Class
January, 1968 - Pairs & Spares Class

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## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

December 3 will begin a Month of Christmas Worship, with each Sunday service given special emphasis through its settings, music and messages. The Advent Wreath will be used each Sunday; the White Gift service will be on December 17, along with the service for Blessing of Babies and Dedication of Parents. A family-night supper and Christmas party for the entire church will be held on Sunday evening, December 10. More information will be forthcoming.

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## THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

The Progressive Class will hold their annual Christmas dinner party at the Hobby Ranch House, No. Anthony, on Thursday evening, December 14 at 7 P.M. Reservations should be made to either Mr. Weber or Mr. Schell before December 10.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

November 19, 1967

Thanksgiving Sunday-1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Babes & Toddlers | 4 | 2.02 |
| Nursery (2-4) | 10 | 3.43 |
| Kindergarten | 14 | 3.53 |
| Primary Dept | 30 | 20.46 |
| Junior Dept. | 32 | 20.52 |
| Junior High | 16 | 10.78 |
| High School | 22 | 9.60 |
| Pairs & Spares | 14 | 26.05 |
| '58 Class | 25 | 30.00 |
| Berean Class | 10 | 45.00 |
| Come Double | 17 | 30.00 |
| Progressive Class | 32 | 184.00 |
| Friendly Class | 19 | 30.00 |
| | 245 | $ 420.95 |

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Mary A. Hunt united with this congregation on last Sunday November 19. This was her 96th birthday. She transfers from the Christian Church, Decatur. Her daughter is Mrs. Frank Vernor. We sincerely welcome Mrs. Hunt to our church family.

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Mrs. Robert Chevalier has been a patient in Room 333, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Blanche Mosebaugh has been in Lutheran Hospital, Room 588.

Kurt Stapleton, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Weber has undergone surgery at Parkview this week.

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TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION

Members and church organizations are welcome to place notes of thanks to others for help, gestures of kindness, greetings, etc., on the church bulletin boards, rather than in TIDINGS. Space is usually at a premium in the columns, plus the risk of overlooking someone unintentionally. Such mention of appreciation will not be included in Tidings. --FRM

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

A PROCLAMATION -

By His Excellency, Wilbur L. Cross,
Governor.

As the colors of autumn stream down the wind, scarlet in sumach and maple, spun gold in the birches, a splendor of smoldering fire in the oaks along the hill, and the last leaves flutter away, and dusk falls briefly about the worker bringing in from the field a late load of its fruit, and Arcturus is lost to sight and Orion swings upward that great sun upon his shoulder, we are stirred once more to ponder the Infinite Goodness that has set apart for us, in all this moving mystery of creation, a time of living and a home. In such a spirit I appoint Thursday, the twenty-fourth of November, a day of

PUBLIC THANKSGIVING

In such a spirit I call upon the people to acknowledge heartily, in friendly gathering and house of prayer, the increase of the season nearing now its close; the harvest of earth, the yield of patient mind and faithful hand, that have kept us fed and clothed and have made for us a shelter even against the storm. It is right that we whose arc of sky has been darkened by no war hawk, who have been forced by no man to stand and speak when to speak was to choose between death and life, should give thanks also for the further mercies we have enjoyed, beyond desert or any estimation, of Justice, Freedom, Loving-kindness, Peace-resolving, as we prize them, to let no occation go without some prompting or some effort worthy in a way however humble of those proudest among man's ideals, which burn, though it may be like candles fitfully, in our gusty world, with a light so clear we name its source Divine.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1967

10:30 A.M. - Morning Worship

9:15 A.M. Church School - Classes for all age groups

Kindergarten and Primary Church - 10:30

C.Y.F. Sundays at 5:00 P.M.

Chi Rho - Sundays at 5:00 P.M.

CHOIR REHEARSALS - 7:30 P.M.

BOY SCOUTS - Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

Nursery is provided for children and infants through age 3.

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H E Y !

The church SCOUT TROOP is having a FISH and TENDERLOIN DINNER. December 1st. 5 - 8 P.M. All you can eat (It's yummy in the tummy)

Adults $1.50 ---Children $1.00

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Thanksgiving is the vibration of the soul's heartstrings under the soft touch of God's benevolence.

November 19, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 315 |
| Church School Attendance | 245 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1332.42 |
| Church School Offering .. (Thanksgiving) | 420.95 |
| Thanksgiving Offering ... (Church) | 69.00 |
| | $ 1822.37 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 11,542.76

LOST BIBLE

Red soft covered Bible. Kurt Schryver on the flyleaf. Check the name in yo Bible to see if Kurt's was picked up by mistake.

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CHI RHO

Come dressed to make decorations and candles. Bring an empty paper milk carton and a frozen juice can, al old candles or paraffin, and a few cray ons. Each must bring his own supply.

Chi Rho and sponsors wish to thank Mrs Clair Buskirk who helped Sunday, and to thank Mr. Don Parlette, Mrs. Robert Urich, Mrs. George Davis, Richard Hamilton and Mrs. Robert Scott from the choir, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical, who helped recently with wo ship and program.

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CLOTHING DRIVE - BLANKETS ..

These articles should be brought to the church during November. They should be clean, good and warm. There are cartons in the entries for your convenience.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXVI **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** November 30, 1967 No. 9

## A MONTH OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Five Sundays of drawing on the best of Christmas music, literature, messages, art, sacred design, and worship settings in our church:

December 3: 10:30 - The first candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted by a family in the church. The Wreath will be used each of the four Sundays, and families are urged to have one at home. Decorating of the church will begin.

December 10: 10:30 - Universal Bible Sunday, emphasizing God's Word and Son as "Light of the World."

5:30 - Family-night supper and Christmas party for the entire church. Each person or family will bring its own sack supper or sandwich; drinks will be provided. Every person will want to be present to take part in the activity, which will conclude with carol singing around the Christmas tree by 8:00.

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## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet on Tuesday, December 5, at 9:00 A.M. at the home of Mrs. K.G.Hunt, Shoaff Village 6500 St.Joe Rd., Bldg # 1, Apt.20. Mrs. A.N. Shockney, hostess. Program by Mrs. H.G.Helmuth; Worship by Mrs. Robert Ogles.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet with Mrs. Opal Perkins, 729 Union St., on Tuesday, December 5, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Mark Snyder; Worship by Mrs. Neil Allen.

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Elwood Parent, 4059 Hessen Cassel Rd. for a carry-in dinner on Wednesday, December 6, at 10:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Hendricks Love; Worship by Mrs. Ben Taylor .

The DYE Group will meet with Mrs. Franklin McGuire, 7712 Gathings Dr. Wednesday, December 6, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Wetzel; Worship by Mrs. Walter Birkhold.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. Paul Whitton, 3308 S.Clinton St., on Thursday, December 7, at 7:45 P.M. Mrs. Alfred Schell, will assist the hostess. There will be a 50¢ gift exchange. Program by Mrs. Ralph Church; Worship by Mrs. Robert Clipp.

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MENU .....

Grace - Kindness - Bread of Life - Living Water - Sweet Thoughts - Tender Memories - Heart (Whole) - Happiness (Unmeasured) - Cup of Joy (Running Over) - Charity (Served with Discretion) - Fruits of the Spirit.

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Warm your Christmas heart at the altar of your church.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving Sunday, December 3

ELDERS:

Andrew C. Cook
Walter C. Birkhold

DEACONS: George Warren, Captain
Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John L. Clark
Arthur Mowery
Frank Moody
LeRoy Timbrook
Ted. E. Bryan
Thomas Frappier

DEACONESSES - December 3, 10, 17

Mrs. Max Finkhousen
Mrs. Earl Plummer

SUNDAY GREETERS - December
Come Double Class
January 1968 - Pairs & Spares Class

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## THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

will be a Christmas dinner party at the Hobby Ranch House on No. Anthony, Thursday evening, December 14 at 7 P.M. Reservations should be made to either Mr. Weber or Mr. Schell before December 10.

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Mr. Ronald McVay was in Lutheran Hospital for a few days but has now gone home.

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## CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M.

Will meet in Fellowship Hall. The evening is full of surprises which cannot be told beforehand. To miss it will be to miss the special Christmas meeting.

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## FISH and TENDERLOIN DINNER.

The church Scout Troop is having a Fish fry on Friday December 1st, 5 to 8 PM. Adults $1.50; Children $1.00 All you can eat!

## PHOTOGRAPHY SUCCESSFUL

Church members and families were helpful and cooperative in coming for photography for the pictorial directory. Approximately 35 persons helped with phoning, clerical work and transportation.

Notice will be mailed to you when proofs may be seen at the church.

A make-up day is set for Wednesday, December 27, for those unable to come this week - especially college students, service men, and those ill this week.

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## PARKING ENTRANCE CLOSED

Effort is being made to control abuse of the church parking lot, in which the surface is damaged by rapid turning, and the drive to the side door is made dangerous by fast and unnecessary use.

A chain will close one or more entrances when there are no activities in the church.

## CHRIST CHILD FESTIVAL

The annual religious festival will be in progress this weekend, December 1, 2, and 3, at the Coliseum. Among exhibits will be a booth sponsored by Associated Churches and the American Bible Society, both supported by our church.

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## COLLEGE CLASS UNDER WAY

A church-school class for college students or post-high school young adults has had two Sunday morning sessions. The group is meeting on the stage of the Fellowship hall, and is directed at interests of such young people. Guest leaders are helping discussions.

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## OFFICIAL BOARD

Meeting, Tuesday, December 5, 8 PM
Elders' Meeting at 7:30.

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Members of the church are asked to respond in keeping with their personal commitment to the church, and return with their offering this Sunday, December 3 (or December 10) their intention of giving for 1968. Budget for 1968 of $99,694 was approved November 19. Cards such as printed below will be available with the Sunday Worship bulletin.

"Give an Account of Thy Stewardship" Luke 16:2

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ..... Fort Wayne, Indiana

MY STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT TO GOD

In recognition of God's ownership, in response to my love for Christ, and in obedience to Scriptural teachings, I will contribute to my Church budget:

1. ( ) A Tithe, estimated at
   or $_____ per week.
2. ( ) The sum of

Signed_____ Date _____

Address_____ Phone _____

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Andrew C. Cook ..... Church Treasurer
Rolland Ripple ..... Church School Supt.

November 26, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 275 |
| Church School Attendance | 195 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 745.85 |
| Church School Offering | 65.67 |
| Building Fund | 2.00 |
| Thanksgiving Offering | 6.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 18.00 |
| | $ 837.52 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE ...
$ 11,542.76

CLOTHING DRIVE - BLANKETS

Bring these articles to the church during November. Money for new blankets can be given to Miss Pearl Heidecker, or your Group Service chairman.

December 17: 10:30 - Service for Blessing the Babies and Dedication of Parents; also the "White Gift Service" in which worshipers will bring forward white-wrapped packages and cans of food, to be given to needy families.

December 24: Christmas Eve - 10:30 - a service of much Christmas music, using voice and bell choirs; carols will be sung by the choir from the balcony prior to the service while worshipers are entering the sanctuary. The fourth candle on the wreath, the "Christ candle" will be lighted. Benevolent homes offering will be given.

December 31: New Year's Eve - 10:30 - continuing the worship of Christmas, as well as anticipating 1968. Children are invited to bring a favorite gift to the sanctuary as a gesture of joy, gratitude and dedication (and to take back home with them!)

**Make your Christmas better and join in assuring a happier Christmas for others by sharing fully in this "Month of Christmas Worship" each Sunday.**



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXVI **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** December 7, 1967 No. 10

THIS SUNDAY - DECEMBER 10 -
IN OUR 'MONTH OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP'

10:30 Morning Worship will observe Universal Bible Sunday and emphasize God's Word and Son as "Light of The World". Another family will share in lighting the second candle on the Advent Wreath, adding to last Sunday's which represents "the great expectations" of Christmas. The choir will sing Handel's "Glory to God." Decorations continue to be placed in the sanctuary to enhance our Christmas worship.

5:30 Family-night Supper and Christmas Party for everyone in the church. Each person or family will bring its own 'sack supper or lap lunch' for quick eating (drinks will be provided) then discard sacks, and get into the fun of Christmas activity. A good time is to be had by all, in group activities including each member of every family. There will be nursery for babies and toddlers. Several families will be prepared to help direct the entertainment. The evening will conclude by 8:00 with carol-singing around the Christmas tree. Reserve this evening for Christmas in the church! (Chi Rho and CYF youth will come with their families to the supper and party).

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The MONTGOMERY Group will meet with Mrs. James Ruble, 7615 Breckenwood Dr. Tuesday, December 12, at 8:00 PM. Program by Mrs. James Knight; Worship by Mrs. John Olson.

The NELSON Group will have a carry-in dinner at the church on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:15 P.M. Program by Mrs. Robert Hendricks, Worship by Mrs. Norman Strayer.

The FELLOWSHIP GUILD will have a dinner at the Church on Monday, December 11, at 6:15 P.M. Pro gram by Miss Mildred Hartman, Mrs. Charles Speicher, Mrs. T.R. Eiler and Mrs. Vaught. Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull is leader.

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## CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 1968

The boxes of church envelopes will be on tables in the Narthex Sunday, December 17th. They will be placed in alphabetical order as well as numerically. Please check the name on the box before taking it as your account number may be changed from what it was this year. If you do not find your box please speak to Mrs. Vaught.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Herdis Helmuth fell and broke her collar bone. She is at home.

We extend sincere congratulations to Steven and Susan McLean on the birth of a little daughter, Heather Lea, born December 2. Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Klepfer are the proud grand-parents.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mr. Earl Snouffer and family in the recent death of a sister, Mrs. Grace Hirschy.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving Sunday, December 10

ELDERS:

Bertram W. Leversee

George R. Bruckman

DEACONS: George Warren, Captain

L. Max Finkhousen

Ray Loftin

John L. Clark

Arthur Mowery

Charles Speicher

Orie McDougle

C. Hugh Bassett

D. Wayne Penny

DEACONESSES - December 10, 17

Mrs. Max Finkhousen

Mrs. Earl Plummer

SUNDAY GREETERS - December

Come Double Class

January 1968 - Pairs & Spares Class

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PROGRESSIVE CLASS Party at the Hobby Ranch House on North Anthony Thursday evening, December 14 at 7 P.M. Give your reservation to either Mr. Weber or Mr. Schell before Dec. 10.

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## CHI RHO

Chi Rho will not meet on Sunday, Dec. 10, but looking toward the 17th, there will be caroling, followed by a party.

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Cathy Ann Uhl entered Parkview on Thursday of this week to undergo a tonsilectomy.

Mrs. Harold Henry is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

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!58 Class CHRISTMAS PARTY and Carry-in dinner will be at the church in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 9th at 6:30 P.M.

OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING "WITH LOVE", provides food, shelter and care with a Christian environment for needy children and the aging.

"WITH LOVE" Our church provides for a 1000 children in 8 NBA Homes, and for 1100 aging persons in 11 NBA Homes.

MAKE YOUR GIFT - WITH LOVE!

DECEMBER 24, 1967 ..

CHRISTMAS GOALS ..

for the CHURCH SCHOOL

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Friendly Class | 30 | 30.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 150.00 |
| Come Double Class | 30 | 50.00 |
| Berean Class | 20 | 45.00 |
| '58 Class | 30 | 50.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 15.00 |
| Young Adults | 15 | 7.50 |
| High School Class | 30 | 15.00 |
| Junior High | 30 | 20.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 35 | 25.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 35 | 15.00 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 7.00 |
| Nursery | 20 | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

| December 3, 1967 | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Friendly Class | 10 | 2.00 |
| Progressive Class | 39 | 21.75 |
| Come Double | 20 | 10.00 |
| Berean Class | 10 | 3.50 |
| '58 Class | 17 | 8.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 12 | 6.76 |
| Young Adults | 4 | -- |
| High School Class | 19 | 4.86 |
| Junior High | 13 | 1.30 |
| Junior Dept. | 30 | 6.30 |
| Primary Dept | 29 | 3.61 |
| Kindergarten | 11 | 1.26 |
| Nursery (2-4) | 10 | 1.16 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .60 |
| | 229 | $71.10 |

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 1968

At the Organization meeting of the Official Board last Sunday, the following were elected:

Ralph Church, Chairman of the Board.
William Wilson, Vice-Chairman;
Herman Weber, Chairman of Elders;
Ted Bryan, Chairman of Deacons;
Mrs. Earl Plummer, Chairman of Deaconesses;
Wendell C. Glass, Chrmn., Trustees.

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MAKE-UP DATE FOR PHOTOS

Members and families who have not had pictures taken for the directory may come on Wednesday, December 27, for a make up appointment. Please call the church to indicate that you intend to come that day.

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STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

Members who have not returned their stewardship commitment cards for 1968, as intentions of their giving for next year, are urged to do so this Sunday. Cards may be placed with the offering or returned to the office.

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BABY SERVICE ON DECEMBER 17

A service for "Blessing of Babies and Dedication of Parents" will be incorporated into the morning worship on Sunday, December 17. This is available to any families choosing to participate. Couples intending to bring their child are urged to inform the minister or church office prior to December 17.

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God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men"
-- Henry W. Longfellow.

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Andrew C. Cook ..... Church Treasurer
Rolland Ripple ..... Church School Supt.

December 3, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 400 |
| Church School Attendance | 229 |
| Regular Church Offering $ | 1561.69 |
| Church School Offering | 71.10 |
| Building Fund | 8.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 18.40 |
| Thanksgiving Offering | 12.00 |
| Christmas Offering | 25.00 |
| | $ 1696.19 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$10,395.66

.. '58 CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 9 at 6:30 P.M. the '58 Class will have a carry-in dinner and Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall.

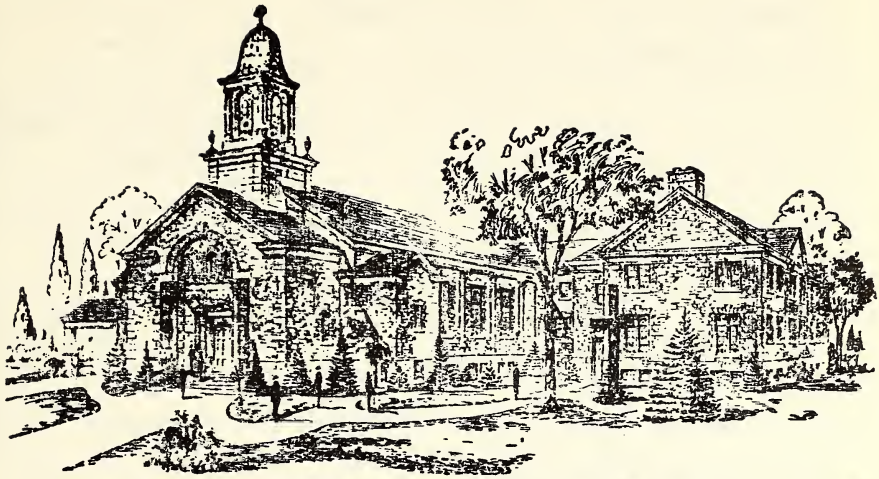
## GUEST EDITORIAL

How often we hear, "Thanksgiving isn't over and it's Christmas already." As it should be, Christmas is a time of thanks giving. Our gifts to loved ones seem a thanks for the Greatest Gift - Christ - which we receive. Our gifts reflect the gratitude each of us holds for his family, health, job and home, and the ability and education which allow the fullest enjoyment of these blessings.

Many of your neighbors could only give thanks for the Greatest Gift. For instance, they ask only for a tricycle when food for two meals a day is all that's available. Others ask only for shoes for a school child, when the family washer (which is the source of income) is taxed just cleaning the bedclothes for a dying father of five.

During the worship on December 17 you will have an opportunity to show Christian love and concern for neighbors in our town. By bringing forward white-wrapped food, good outer or underclothing, toys, coffee, sugar, appliances, personal and household necessities, you will join our church in sharing through the Christmas Bureau, with deserving families whose list of blessings is shorter ( and whose "Dear Santa" list is shorter) than your's. Please plan carefully; this may be the most important of your thanks. givings.

- Merle Rice, for Community Service
and Social Action Department.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXVI **Fort Wayne, Indiana.** December 14, 1967 No. 11

"GOOD WILL TO MEN" does not apply as you jostle through crowded stores hunting gifts "just a little different" so the donor will be remembered. Neither does "Good Will to men" apply while pushing through an overcrowded grocery to locate almond paste, light blue decorative sugar, small cans of Karo and other holiday baking needs. "Good Will to men" is difficult when locating a $2.50 gift for the exchange at work, or while sitting in streets waiting for traffic to clear. National and International events of the past year make it difficult to find "Good Will."

Good Will to men DOES NOT APPLY IN THESE SITUATIONS for many of your neighbors. They have no money for gifts, no jobs to return home from through crowded streets, few of the staples of life - let alone almond paste or blue sugar.

"Peace on earth?" Billy Graham's Christmas letter predicted 100 "Detroits" and forecasts massive demonstrations in Washington. Communists think their target date of 1972 is "on schedule". If only the angels had proclaimed, "Good Will to men, THEN Peace on earth," perhaps we would have understood.

Your White Gifts, brought during worship this Sunday, will show your good will for deserving and needy local families. This gift will not bring Peace on Earth ... a far greater Gift came for that purpose. Your gift will be a start, though. Sugar, coffee, cans and package of food, clothing ... the list of needs is endless. Is there room in the rush at your house for GOOD WILL?

--Merle Rice, for Community Service Dept.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

General Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 8:00 PM

Our December meeting next Tuesday will be a Christmas worship and program, given under the direction of the CWF Worship Dept., Mrs. Wm. Love, Director. It is entitled, "A Mother's Christmas Communion". Our gifts to the Home-bound and Shut-ins, and our gift to the Cleveland Christian Home for children, will be dedicated. Miss Pearl Heidecker, in charge. Our next Executive meeting will be on January 16, 1968.

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## CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 1968

The boxes of church envelopes will be on tables in the Narthex next Sunday December 17, thru December 31. They will be in alphabetical order, and we suggest you check the name on the box to be sure you have yours as account numbers change . Please make a special effort to pick up your box some time during the next three Sundays. If you do not find your box, please speak to Mrs. Vaught.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Our sincere sympathy goes to Mrs. E. O. Wooldridge and family in the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Loretta Niles. Internment was in Chicago this week.

Mrs. Myrtle Drewett is now at the home of her daughter, Lois, at 2105 Steup Ave.

Mrs. Herman Weber entered St. Joseph's Hospital on Wednesday of this week,

Mrs. Lee Fisher entered Parkview Hospital this week.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers serving Sunday, December 17

ELDERS:

Kenneth Edwards
Ronald McVay

DEACONS: George Warren, Captain
L. Max Finkhousen
Ray Loftin
John L. Clark
Arthur Mowery
Charles Speicker
Orie McDougle
C. Hugh Bassett
D. Wayne Penny

DEACONESSES - December 17
Mrs. Max Finkhousen
Mrs. Earl Plummer

SUNDAY GREETERS - December
Come Double Class
Greeters, January 1968, Pairs & Spares

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## BEREAN CLASS PARTY

The Bereans will hold their Christmas party on Saturday, December 16 at Char King, Waynedale, at 7:30 P.M. Dessert will be served later at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Lehman, 4110 Huth Drive. There will be a $1.00 gift exchange. Ladies are asked to bring a gift for a lady, and men for a man.

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## CHI RHO - 5:00 P.M.

Chi Rho's will meet at 5:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall then go caroling. Later there will be a Christmas Party until 8:00 at the church. Bring a Flash light to read carol books; also, be sure to bring your dollar gift exchange.

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## PAIRS & SPARES

Pairs and Spares will have their Christmas party at the home of Ross and Emmalou Nierman on Friday evening December 15.

CHRISTMAS - WITH LOVE .....

Centuries ago Paul, in a letter to the Corinthian Church declared ..."If I have not love ...I am only a noisy gong .. even if I possess all knowledge and have not love, I am nothing ... a useless nobody." Our Christmas offering with 'LOVE', provides food, shelter and care for our needy children and the aging.

CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Friendly Class | 30 | $ 30.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 150.00 |
| Come Double Class | 30 | 50.00 |
| Berean Class | 20 | 45.00 |
| '58 Class | 30 | 50.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 15.00 |
| Young Adults | 15 | 7.50 |
| High School Class | 30 | 15.00 |
| Junior High | 30 | 20.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 35 | 25.00 |
| Primary Dept. | 35 | 15.00 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 7.00 |
| Nursery | 20 | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

| December 10, 1967 | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Friendly Class | 13 | $ 3.50 |
| Progressive | 36 | 19.75 |
| Come Double | 19 | 7.20 |
| Berean Class | 13 | 6.00 |
| '58 Class | 25 | 11.05 |
| Pairs & Spares | 8 | 5.25 |
| High School | 19 | 4.17 |
| Junior High | 19 | 3.96 |
| Junior Dept. | 29 | 7.95 |
| Primary Dept. | 30 | 5.37 |
| Kindergarten | 13 | 2.49 |
| Nursery 2-4 | 9 | 1.23 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 3 | .52 |
| | 236 | $ 78.44 |

Handel's MESSIAH" may be heard over WGL on Christmas Eve. December 24. 10:05 P.M. Fort Wayne, Time.

PASTEBOARD BOXES are needed for transporting white gifts to Christmas Bureau. Please leave large boxes after Church Sunday. Also, needed, help transporting gifts to Christmas Bureau, on Monday.

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MAKE-UP DATE FOR PHOTOS

Members and families who have not had pictures taken for the directory may come on Wednesday, December 27, from 5 to 9 P.M., for a make-up appointment. Please call the church to indicate that you intend to come that day.

PROOFS of photos already taken will be shown, Thursday and Friday, December 14 and 15.

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GREETINGS from the Burgesses! When the Spirit of Christmas captivates the heart, we recall the friends of long ago. At this Holy Advent Season we carry in our hearts those with whom we served at First Christian. Our remembrance of the faithful friends of First Christian makes our Christmas a most joyous occasion. We pray that the joy and peace of our Loving Saviour may be yours in abundance. May this letter be a personal greeting to each one in lieu of personal Christmas cards and letters as had been our custom here-to-fore. May God bless us everyone!

Josephine and Joel Burgess.

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FOREIGN VISITORS

There may be opportunities to entertain foreign students during the holidays in local homes. Interested families should contact Mr. McGuire. Such hospitality cements relationships between nations, and is personally rewarding.

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Always, "There's a song in the air;" when Christmas comes.

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December 10, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 325 |
| Church School Attendance | 236 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1419.75 |
| Church School Offering | 78.44 |
| Building Fund | 9.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 9.00 |
| Christmas Offering | 9.00 |
| | $ 1525.19 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . .
$ 10,395.66

"CHRISTIAN CHORALE" - A RECORD of Sacred hymns and songs recorded by members and chorus of our sanctuary choir. These may be purchased from any member of the Choir.

DECEMBER 17 - THIRD SUNDAY IN "A MONTH OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP"

Morning Worship at 10:30 this Sunday will continue and enlarge upon the preparation and introduction to our "Month of Christmas Worship" of December's first two Sundays.

Early in the service, "Blessing of the Babies and Dedication of Parents' will be conducted. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and remember that the infant Christ was presented in the temple, it becomes an especially appropriate time for families to share in this service. Couples intending to bring their child are urged to inform the minister or church office prior to Sunday.

The third candle on the Advent Wreath will be lighted by another church family. The George Bruckman and Ben Taylor families lighted the first two, which represented the "expectations" and "preparation" for Christmas of 1967.

The White Gift service will provide opportunity for each worshiper to bring his offering and white-wrapped gift of cans or packages of food or clothing and place it near the manger in the chancel. Worshipers should take their White Gifts to their seats, so to bring them forward at the appropriate time during worship. An old Christmas legend will be narrated and dramatized by the Christian Youth Fellowship as part of the White Gift service. The gifts will be distributed through the Christmas Bureau to needy families.

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXVI Fort Wayne, Indiana, December 21, 1967 No. 12

## O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

How many good reasons there are for coming to church this Christmas Eve Sunday - and for coming early.

Chiefly, we come purely to adore Him! It is our privilege to gather before the manger and bow down in faith, love and gratitude for the gift of Emanuel - "God with us," During worship, the Christ-Candle will be lighted on our Advent Wreath.

We will come to hear "the good news" again. The great, glad tidings of the Nativity will be told largely in music this Sunday. Our excellent choirs - sanctuary, youth, children and bell choirs - will contribute to beautiful and expressive worship, including candlelight processional and recessional.

You will want to come early for the service, for there will be choral and bell music from the balcony beginning at 10:15, while worshipers are arriving for the 10:30 service.

Ultimately, Christmas worship is an opportunity to give oneself. Through communion we will celebrate God's giving to us - and we may respond by giving of ourselves and of what we have. The Christmas offering, given at either Sunday School or morning worship, helps support 1000 children and 1100 aging persons in 19 benevolent homes maintained by the Christian Churches.

This is the day for us, in our mind's eye, to "go over to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has made known to us," so then we may return from Christmas worship in the sanctuary, "glorifying and praising God for all we have heard and seen."

## IN THE BABY SERVICE ...

Babies brought for the "Blessing of Babies and dedication of Parents" last Sunday included the following:
Scott David ( Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Aker)
Wendy Leigh (Mr. & Mrs. C. Hugh Bassett)
Paula Jean ( Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brown)
Deste Rae (Mr. & Mrs. John L. Clark)
Kristen Elizabeth (Mr. & Mrs. Roger Lampton)
Todd Steven and Heather Lea (Mr. & Mrs. D. Steven McLean)
Faron Richard and Heidi Renee (Mr. & Mrs. Richard Skelton)
Jill Ann (Mr. & Mrs. Paul Taulman)
Marla Sue (Mr. & Mrs. William E. Wilson)

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## MORE BLESSED TO GIVE

185 cans, boxes, or sacks of food were brought during last Sunday's White Gift Service; 35 different kinds of food were given to share with the city's needy and deserving families. This included 78 lbs of sugar; 14 lbs of coffee; 19 cans of corn; 21 cans of beans; 16 cans of peaches; 8 canned meat; 13 cans of apples, etc. In addition there were 51 packages of clothing, toys and books, which were taken also to the Christmas Bureau for distribution, and $18 in cash to purchase needed items.

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## 1968 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The boxes of Church envelopes for 1968 are in the Narthex. They are in alphabetical order. We suggest you look for your name on the box before you take it away. Account numbers change from year to year. Please get your box before the end of the year. If you do not find your box, please speak to Mrs. Vaught.

## AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

Officers Serving Sunday, December 24

ELDERS:
Eugene Klepfer
Hugh D. Rice

DEACONS: Captain, George Warren
Frank M. Moody
Le Roy Timbrook
Ted Bryan
Thomas Frappier
Charles Speicher
Orie McDougle
C. Hugh Bassett
D. Wayne Penny

DEACONESSES: - December 24, 31.
Mrs. Hendricks Love
Mrs. Robert Hendricks

SUNDAY GREETERS - December
Come Double Class

GREETERS - JANUARY 1968
Pairs & Spares Class

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## JANUARY 20 CONFERENCE HERE

Our church will host a conference for District One Christian Churches on Saturday, January 20, 10:00 until 3:00, concerning the new Christian Life Curriculum and Operation Partnership.

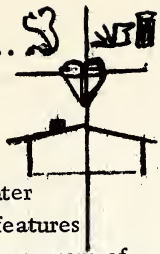
Those expected to attend are members of education, stewardship and outreach committees; officers of C.W.F. C.M.F. and C.Y.F.; ministers and directors. Our C.W.F. will serve the lunch.

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## FOREIGN VISITORS

There may be opportunities to entertain foreign students during the holidays in local homes. Interest families should contact Mr. McGuire . Such hospitality cements relationships between nations, and is personally rewarding.

CHRISTMAS - IN LOVE..



SYMBOL OF BENEVOLENCE ....

The cross and the heart of mercy at its center are the most prominent features of the symbol and of the program of Benevolence. The doctor's stethoscope (upper left) suggest medical care provided for the children and aging in NBA Homes. The bread and glass of milk (upper right) illustrate food and clothing that are essential ...Housing is shown at the bottom of this symbol.

CHURCH SCHOOL GOALS

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Friendly Class | 30 | $ 30.00 |
| Progressive Class | 50 | 150.00 |
| Come Double Class | 30 | 50.00 |
| Berean Class | 20 | 45.00 |
| '58 Class | 30 | 50.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 15 | 15.00 |
| Young Adults | 15 | 7.50 |
| High School Class | 30 | 15.00 |
| Junior High | 30 | 20.00 |
| Junior Dept. | 35 | 25.00 |
| Primary Dept | 35 | 15.00 |
| Kindergarten | 20 | 7.00 |
| Nursery | 20 | 5.00 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 10 | 2.00 |

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Progressive dinner will be on Thursday December 28, at 6:00 P.M.

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CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 28, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Merle Rice, at 7:50 PM

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It is the glory of Christianity that it not only reveals God FOR us, and God WITH us, but God IN us.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

December 17, 1967

| | Att. | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Friendly Class | 18 | $ 3.40 |
| Progressive Class | 36 | 19.25 |
| Come Double | 21 | 11.25 |
| Berean Class | 7 | 3.00 |
| '58 Class | 12 | 6.95 |
| Pairs & Spares | 14 | 6.75 |
| Young Adults | 5 | 4.00 |
| High School Class | 20 | . 45 |
| Junior High | 18 | 3.10 |
| Junior Dept. | 30 | 8.64 |
| Primary Dept. | 29 | 3.57 |
| Kindergarten | 12 | 1.17 |
| Nursery (2-4) | 10 | 1.13 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 5 | .25 |
| | 240 | $ 77.01 |

NBA IS PEOPLE!

I am The National Benevolent Asso'n.
Some call me NBA for short.
I was conceived in Christian compassion
Born through Christian love on
March 10, 1887 in St. Louis, Missouri.
My first Home was a 5-room rented
cottage with second-hand furniture -
dedicated to the loving care of orphaned children.
Now - through the dedication of men and women of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), I have 19 Homes, 8 ministering to children and 11 serving the aging. ....
But - I can serve in the name of Christ, only as you -the Church- will let me serve. I can give of myself in loving witness to those in need- only as you - the Church I represent - will let me love.
How will you let me live, love, radiate the warmth of being wanted, extend peace and good will thru your stewardship of life and treasure in Christ?

D.F.C.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1967

10:30 Morning Worship

9:15 Church School - Classes for all age groups.
(Nursery is provided for for infants and children through 5 years)

NO KINDERGARTEN OR PRIMARY CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY MORNING.

The CHI RHO and CYF will not meet on this next Sunday, Christmas Eve.

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Handel's "Messiah" may be heard over WGL on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 10:05 P.M. Fort Wayne time.

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"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son as a Christmas gift, that whosoever believes in him, and accepts Him as Savior, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

**December 17, 1967**

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 487 |
| Church School Attendance | 240 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1541.08 |
| Church Schhool Offering | 77.01 |
| Building Fund | 4.00 |
| Christmas Offering | 40.00 |
| | $ 1662.09 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . . .
$ 10,395.66

LOST AND FOUND . . . Do you have your own topcoat? On Sunday, December 10, some one mistakenly picked up Jack Sauerwein's topcoat, instead of their own. In checking, if you have the wrong coat, please call Mr. Sauerwein, the one you have may belong to him. Call 446- 0351.

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## PICTURE MAKE-UP

Make-up photography for the church directory will be on Wednesday, December 27. Families who did not have pictures made last month should come to the church between 5:00 and 9:00 P.M. Proofs will be shown in mid-January of these make-up pictures and of any not seen last week from the first photography; dates will be announced.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Ern[illegible] Tatman is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Herman Weber underwent surgery on Monday of this week. She is at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The Maida Teeters is now at Parkview, in Long care, 208 South.




# FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

"THE FAMILY CHURCH" "AS FRIENDLY AS IT IS BEAUTIFUL"

Volume XXVI **Fort Wayne, Indiana,** December 28, 1967 No. 13 .


## A RARE SUNDAY

This Sunday, December 31, will be a bit out of the ordinary, calendar-wise: it will be the fifty-third Sunday of the year, and a fifth Sunday of the month, the fifth time in 1967 that five Sundays have occurred in one month. Moreover, it will be New Year's Eve, on the threshold of 1968, a 'leap year'. Is there any better way to note th transition of time and the course of events in life, than to be in worship on December 31?

This fifth Sunday will be a part of and will conclude our "month of Christmas worship." The music and message for the morning service will continue to celebrate the coming of Christ anew. The Advent Wreath, with its four candles that have been lit, one each Sunday, will be retired, to close this Christmas season.

But NOT the good news, the hope or wonder of Christmas; these do not end, unless we simply let them slip into memory or oblivion. The essence of Christmas is Christ - and He is kept! Alice E. Kennelly wrote:

"After the carols have faded,
And the gifts have been tucked away;
And the candles are stubs of formless wax,
And the snow has mouldered to gray;
After the dream has ended,
And the embers are burning low ...
May the Christ, the heart of Christmas,
Still brighten the afterglow."

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Group Meetings

The KEPPLE Group will meet with Mrs George Duncan, 4008 Mound Pass on Tuesday, January 2, 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Robert Ogles; Worship by Mrs. H. G. Helmuth.

The McGAVRAN Group will meet on Tuesday, January 2, at 1:30 P.M. with Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, 5607 Fairfield Program by Mrs. Mary Wagner, Worship by Mrs. Wm. Caldwell .

The SPICE Group will meet with Mrs. Rolland Ripple, 3405 Central Dr. on Wednesday, January 3, at 9:00 A.M. Program by Mrs. Elwood Parent; Worship by Mrs. Wm. Love.

The DYE Group will meet with Mrrs. Wm. Wetzel, 2121 Engle Rd. Apt. 3-B Wednesday, January 3, at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. Thos. Wunderlich; Worship by Mrs. W. W. Bundy.

The HIGDON Group will meet with Mrs. W. J. Williams, 6710 So. Calhoun Thursday, January 4, at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Helen Clymore; Worship by Mrs. Ralph Church.

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## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Mr. Don L. Parlette has accepted the invitation from the official board to become director of music for the church on a permanent basis, as of January 1. Mr. Parlette began his services with the church in September, but a 4 month trial period was agreed upon. He will have responsibility for the program of music in the church, in cooperation with the worship committee and minister. Mr. Parlette is instrumental music director at Portage Junior High School.

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## CHI RHO and CYF

WILL NOT MEET on Sunday, December 31st.

## AT THE MASTER's TABLE

Officers Serving December 31, 1967

ELDERS:

Ralph Church
Harold Crowder

DEACONS - George Warren, Captain
Frank M. Moody
LeRoy Timbrook
Ted Bryan
Thomas Frappier
Charles Speicher
Orie McDougle
C. Hugh Bassett
Wayne Penny

DEACONESSES - December 31

Mrs. Hendricks Love
Mrs. Robert Hendricks

SUNDAY GREETERS - December
Come Double Class

JANUARY GREETERS -
Pairs & Spares Class

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## FOR PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

"The Secret Place" is one of the finest resources for personal and family worship. It is published quarterly by our brotherhood, jointly with the American Baptist Church. Daily meditation are written by members of the two church groups. Make it a high resolve during 1968 to have daily devotions, and pick up a copy of the "Secret Place" at the church for this first three months.

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## DISTRICT CONVOCATION TO BE HERE

One of 14 district convocations for Christian Churches in Indiana will be held in our church on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 10:00 until 3:00. The meeting is designed to provide help for local church leaders in the areas of stewardship and Christian education. Specific concerns are Operation Partnership and the new Christian Life Curriculum.

## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

December 24, 1967

| | Att | Off. |
|---|---|---|
| Friendly Class | 16 | 39.67 |
| Progressive Class | 30 | 176.00 |
| Come Double Class | 21 | 36.95 |
| Berean Class | 11 | 48.00 |
| '58 Class | 15 | 16.00 |
| Pairs & Spares | 11 | 20.00 |
| High School | 28 | 21.62 |
| Junior High | 20 | 12.85 |
| Junior Dept. | 28 | 19.38 |
| Primary Dept. | 28 | 21.25 |
| Kindergarten | 11 | 5.17 |
| Nursery (2-4) | 8 | 2.31 |
| Babes & Toddlers | 8 | 2.50 |
| | 235 | 420.86 |

NOTES ... Total Christmas Offering for NBA, received to-date: $680.90; Budgeted goal, $1100.

ANNUAL meeting of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne will be on Monday, January 22, at 6:30, at the St. John's United Church of Christ, Washington at Webster.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP .. Progressive dinner will be on Thursday December 28 at 6:30 P.M. beginning at the home of Robert Hendricks, going from there to the Ralph Church home and the Allen home, then to the Church for closing.

Glenn Hunt is at Lutheran Hospital in the Moellering Unit having undergone surgery this week.

The Clyde Sievers is a patient at Lutheran, Moellering Unit 221.

Mrs. Ernest Tatman is still at Parkview.
Mrs. Herman Weber is now at home.

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"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!" - II Corinthians 9:15

## 1968 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Just to remind you to pick up your box of envelopes from the main vestibule of the church next Sunday. They are in alphabetical order so check for your name. If you do not find them, speak to Mrs. Vaught.

As a preventative to possible error in your account, please use your envelopes whenever possible during the year when making your offering. Thank you!

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## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER ..

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant br given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding * that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified * that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them * that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses * that the spirit of this Christmas Season - its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith - may live among us * that the blessings of peace be ours - the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

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TO CONGRATULATE ... Richard and Linda Cole, now living in Newport News Va., on the birth of a son, Andrew Richard, December 23, 1967. Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Cole are the proud grandparents.

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A day is a wonderful thing: It is like a great doorway flung wide for you to pass through into all manner of adventures.

--St. Nicholas

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December 24, 1967

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|---|---|
| Church Attendance | 525 |
| Church School Attendance | 235 |
| Regular Church Offering | $ 1817.90 |
| Church School Offering ) | 421.86 |
| Christmas Offering ) | 185.10 |
| Building Fund | 1.00 |
| U.C.F.A. | 8.00 |
| | $ 2433.86 |

CHURCH MORTGAGE BALANCE . .
$ 9,243.31

CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY - at Merle Rice's - Thursday, December 28 - 7:30; choir will go there directly, rather than coming to the church for rehearsal.

## SO MANY GAVE OF THEMSELVES

This "month of Christmas worship" has been lovely and meaningful because so many in First Christian Church have given of their creativity, energy, time and devotion, that all of us might appreciate all the more this religious season, and that together we might "glorify and praise God." The music has been superb, under Mr. Parlette's able and reverent direction; all the singing choirs, the bell choir, soloists, and organist have enabled us to worship through their offerings of music. The worship committee gave thoughtful planning to details as well as to over-all purposes, and attended to much work, especially decorating; helping were George Bruckman, Charles Ludwig, Orie McDougle, Mrs. Edwin Allen and John Merrill. Families giving leadership at the supper-activity on Dec. 10, were the Robert Hendricks, John Thompsons, Allens, Ludwigs and McDougles; families sharing in candle-lighting at the Advent Wreath have been the Bruckmans, Ben Taylors, Robert Rayls and Allens. Mrs. Rufus Quinn took care of details for the supper. CYF'ers presenting the legend of the Bells on Dec. 17, were Marlene Crouse, Barbara and Rick Hendricks, Greg and Chip Allen, and Melanie McGuire. Among poinsettias in the chancel this month was one plant given by Mrs. Edw. Wooldridge, in memory of her mother, and one given by Mrs. Sid. Cowen, in memory of Mr. Cowen. Portraying the madonna on Dec. 24 was Muriel Crouse. All of these, along with the dedicated services of elders, deacons deaconesses and ushers, have made Christmas in the church inspiring and meaningful.

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